



A delegation of ambassadors, allowed to visit the Americans being held hostage by Iranian students at the U.S. embassy in Teheran, reports yesterday that they found the prisoners in good health. Their visit was said to have lasted for more than one hour. (AP radiophoto)

Shaka may be sacked as mayor In bid to break negotiations deadlock Egypt ready to exclude E. J'lem from autonomy

Jerusalem Post Reporter Military government authorities are reportedly considering dismissing Nablus Mayor Bassam Shaka from his post this morning. Shaka could be deported to Jordan for having allegedly expressed sympathy with a PLO terrorist raid in which 34 Israelis were killed on the Coastal Road last year.

Defence Minister Ezer Weizman on Friday told the High Court of Justice that Shaka would be banished as soon as the court lifted a restraining order forbidding military authorities from deporting the mayor.

Replying to the interim injunction in a deposition through the attorney-general, Weizman asked that the court grant him permission to go ahead with the expulsion. The court is expected to fix a date for hearing today or tomorrow.

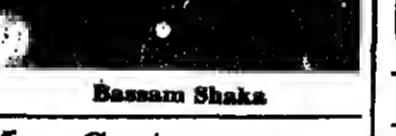
The decision to banish Shaka was taken by Weizman and Premier Menachem Begin shortly after the Nablus mayor's wife obtained preventive interim injunction banning such a measure.

Several West Bank mayors yesterday served notice to military government authorities that they and their councilors would submit collective resignations should Shaka be deported.

Some of these mayors, who maintained contact over the weekend both with Shaka and with the authorities, claimed that expression of sympathy for PLO raids by the Nablus mayor had been distorted. The same claim was made by Shaka's wife in her application to the High Court.

Support for Shaka was yesterday relayed to Nablus city hall by several West Bank dignitaries and institutions of various political stripes ranging from PLO sympathizers to conservatives usually affiliated with Jordan.

New municipal elections in the West Bank were originally slated for next April. A decision on the vote was recently deferred due to the current negotiations between Israel and Egypt for granting autonomy to the West Bank and the Gaza Strip before that date.



Bassam Shaka

By ANAN SAFADI Post-Mideast Affairs Editor

Egypt is planning to put forward a number of compromise proposals on the projected autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza Strip in an attempt to break the deadlock in the negotiations with Israel over the issue, according to weekend reports from Cairo.

The reports did not disclose details, but the new proposals were understood to sidestep thorny Egyptian claims for the incorporation of East Jerusalem in the projected autonomy and for recognition of the administrative council's jurisdiction over the land of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Although they made it clear that they would side with Arab claims to sovereignty over the territories at the end of a transitional self-rule arrangement, the Egyptians were reported to have acquiesced in Israel's insistence that autonomy be applied at this stage to inhabitants rather than to territory.

Furthermore, the Egyptians were said to be dropping demands for the inclusion of East Jerusalem in the autonomy scheme. Instead, they are proposing that the Arab inhabitants — who maintain the status of Jordan-

nian citizens but are residents of Israel — be given the right to participate in the election of the projected self-rule administration in the West Bank.

The Egyptians recently abandoned their demand for holding the election to the autonomous council under international supervision — a measure opposed vigorously by Israel on grounds that intervention in the poll by the Palestine Liberation Organization might not be sufficiently censored. Egypt's chief autonomy negotiator, Premier Mustafa Khalil, and his Israeli counterpart, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, in a recent meeting with outgoing U.S. autonomy negotiator Robert Strauss in London, agreed that the self-rule vote be conducted under joint sponsorship combining Israeli civilian representatives and local Palestinian Arab delegates in addition to other parties agreed upon between the two parties.

Reports from Cairo over the weekend said that Egypt is planning to send a reinforced team of negotiators to Israel this week, in search of substantive progress in the stalemated talks.

The Egyptian delegation will arrive on Tuesday to attend meetings of the autonomy "working groups" due to resume their deliberations on that day in Heralys.

The Egyptian delegation plans to remain here between a week and 10 days — a relatively long period reflecting Cairo's determination to obtain concrete results at the forthcoming round of negotiations.

The Egyptians have indicated that at this juncture they are primarily seeking to wrap up an autonomy accord to forward to West Bank and Gaza Strip leaders as a single option, rather than forcing its implementation in one of the two territories separately.

The Egyptians appear to be gradually abandoning hope for the participation of local Arab leaders in the autonomy negotiating process in the foreseeable future. This is mainly due to heightened local expectations that Jordan, Syria and the PLO may be able to shift negotiations from the Israel-Egyptian forum to the UN.

West Bank and Gaza scepticism over the autonomy talks has been aggravated lately by two developments: the withdrawal from the negotiations of U.S. presidential envoy Robert Strauss after having raised local Arab hopes — by tough talk — to steer the territories into a settlement; and the weekend threat by West Bank mayors to sever contacts with the Israeli authorities by submitting collective resignations in protest of the government decision to deport Nablus Mayor Bassam Shaka.

No breakthrough in Teheran crisis; diplomats visit 60 U.S. hostages

Despite a flurry of diplomatic activity, late last night there were still no signs of a breakthrough in the Teheran crisis. Iranian students, holding 60 U.S. hostages at the occupied U.S. embassy in central Teheran, are demanding that the U.S. hand over to a "war crimes tribunal" the deposed shah.

A representative of Pope John Paul II met with Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini yesterday. Despite a Khomeini vow of silence on the embassy issue, the Iranian strongman issued a call to the spiritual leader of the Iranian students holding the embassy to allow Vatican ambassador, Msgr. Ambrogio Dagnino, into the besieged building.

Earlier in the day, diplomats from Algeria, France, Syria and Sweden, who were allowed into the building to see that the captors "would never stain their hands by harming the prisoners." The Swedish ambassador reported that the hostages, separated according to sex, had suffered no significant injuries.

The diplomats said they had had the opportunity to put "simple questions" to the hostages, but would add nothing to their statement, which was given to the Swiss Foreign Ministry.

Khomeini's self-imposed solitude, broken to meet with Dagnino, was announced by Iran's Acting Foreign Minister Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, member of the ruling Islamic Revolutionary Council. Bani-Sadr said that Khomeini did "not agree" to meet any of the foreign personalities to discuss the seizure, but accepted Msgr. Dagnino because of his being a religious figure.

Another religious figure who appeared to Khomeini was the Dalai Lama, who asked Khomeini to release the "innocents."

Bani-Sadr told a French news magazine that Iran was willing to

give the U.S. a "delay" while waiting for the shah's medical treatment to be completed (he has cancer). "We will give them a delay, if they formally promise to extradite him; but of course, that cannot go on for years."

There was little likelihood that Washington would send the shah back to a certain death in Iran, even after the Iranian students holding the embassy brandished before reporters an alleged petition with 32 signatures of American hostages, calling for the shah's return to Teheran in exchange for their release.

A State Department spokesman said that "even if the petition were authentic," they would not accept it, since it was taken under duress. Reports of the petition also noted that the English was grammatically incorrect, and therefore must have been drawn up by the Iranian students.

While the stalemate dragged on, special U.S. envoy Ramsey Clark waited out the weekend in Istanbul, receiving reports on the situation from the Palestine Liberation Organization officials who have been in contact with the Iranians.

Despite a hint by PLO chief Yasser Arafat yesterday afternoon that a dozen of the hostages might be released "soon," Iran was officially disclaiming negotiations were under way through PLO third-party channels. And Libya slammed the PLO effort, calling it a "shame."

Other Moslems blasted the Teheran action. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat described Khomeini as a "lunatic."

"This really shows how disgraceful is this act from the side of that man Khomeini...exploiting Islam. This is not Islam at all. I am really infuriated because this is not Islam," Sadat told reporters.

Sadat's wife Jehan told interviewers that Khomeini is a "fool, and also a criminal. In a few months

he has done more harm to Iran than the shah did in several years." Sadat had offered to send his personal jet to New York, where the shah's doctors said he could not be moved, to offer the Pahlavi family asylum in Egypt.

"We didn't approve of the luxury in which the shah and his wife lived, nor the behaviour of those who surrounded them. But I told the wife of the shah that she would always find a welcome, and friendship, from us," Jehan Sadat told "Le Figaro."

With anti-Iran demonstrations mounting in the U.S., President Jimmy Carter was facing the toughest crisis of his tenure. (Reports — page 4.)

He met with relatives of the hostages yesterday, afterwards releasing a statement through a spokesman calling for "every American to refrain from any action that might increase the danger. There is outrage. There is frustration. And there is anger," said the statement.

One possibility raised was to swap the shah's estimated \$50, personal fortune for the captives. But despite the various offers and appeals, the answer from the besieged embassy remained the same. "No substitutions. No negotiations."

According to a Swedish television news report last night, the students were not rejecting the possibility they may begin executing the hostages. Asked by a reporter telephoning the embassy, a student leader said that they "have definitely not" rejected such a move.

According to one PLO source, the students have already been talked out of setting a deadline for the return of the shah. The source, apparently connected to the PLO negotiating team in touch with the Iranians, said the students were told by PLO officials that a deadline would "introduce a new complication." (AP, UPI, Reuters)

Settlement policy tops today's cabinet agenda

Jerusalem Post Staff

With 11 days to go until the deadline set by the High Court of Justice for the evacuation of Eilon Moreh, the cabinet meets today to discuss settlement policy in Judea and Samaria for the Jewish year 5740.

This debate itself is something of an achievement for the Gush Emunim settlers and Eilon Moreh, and their cabinet-level patron Ariel Sharon, minister of agriculture and chairman of the Ministerial Settlement Committee. They have insisted since the High Court judgment that the problem created by that ruling can only be solved in the framework of a general reappraisal of settlement policy.

The settlers will only agree to leave Eilon Moreh peacefully (it is surmised — none of them has said so in so many words) if the government initiates a broad new settlement programme in Judea and Samaria and embarks on legislation that would prevent any recurrence of the Eilon Moreh-type court action.

Minister Sharon has submitted to the cabinet such a broad new settlement programme for the current year, reportedly envisaging the creation of 16 new settlements at an investment of IL2.5b. It is not clear — though perhaps it will become

clear at the cabinet today — whether and to what extent Sharon's scheme involves the expropriation of privately owned land.

Sharon's plan is certain to be resisted strongly by Defence Minister Ezer Weizman and his deputy, Mordchai Zipori. The defence establishment has blueprinted its own settlement plan, calling for the expansion of several existing sites into major urban centres rather than spreading a large number of small new settlements all over the West Bank.

In recent discussions, majority opinion in the cabinet seems to have supported Weizman against Sharon. But ministers know that if Sharon leaves the cabinet room dissatisfied, his dissatisfaction will immediately be translated into intransigence on the part of Gush Emunim — and that could lead directly to violence and even bloodshed when Eilon Moreh comes to be dismantled by the army.

It is chiefly to avoid that ugly prospect that Education Minister Zevulun Hammer has been working these past few days at bridging the gaps between Weizman and Sharon. As leader of the National Religious Party's "Young Guard," Hammer is still a respected figure among all but

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Weizman-Gush meeting today on Eilon Moreh

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT Jerusalem Post Reporter

Gush Emunim leaders and Eilon Moreh settlers will meet with Defence Minister Ezer Weizman in Tel Aviv this afternoon to discuss their settlement plans.

But their reversal of an earlier decision not to see the minister does not mean they have changed their positions. They reiterated on Friday that they will not leave the hill they now occupy overlooking Nablus and said they will try to prevail upon Weizman to take steps to implement his plan to develop six towns in the West Bank.

Weizman's mandate from the Ministerial Defence Committee calls for trying to reach an agreement with the settlers on where they will move until a new site is ready. They must leave their present location by November 22 to comply with a ruling of the High Court of Justice.

Friday's decision to meet Weizman was taken by a joint forum of Gush Emunim and Eilon Moreh leaders, by a majority of one, after a six-hour debate. It followed Prime Minister Menachem Begin's refusal to meet them and reports of Weizman's conciliatory attitude.

U.S. public support for Israel rising

WASHINGTON. — Fewer Americans are now willing to trade off U.S. support for Israel in exchange for guaranteed oil supplies from the Arab world, according to the latest ABC News/Louis Harris poll.

Sixty per cent of those questioned in a nationwide survey opposed ending U.S. military aid to Israel even if that would ensure continued Arab oil shipments. Some 29 per cent favoured a suspension in those conditions.

When the same question was asked last March, the results were 67 per cent to 33 per cent respectively. Asked whether Israel should withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza Strip and allow the establishment of a Palestinian state if that would ensure oil supplies, 58 per cent said no, while 30 per cent said yes.

Responding to a more general question, some 60 per cent opposed a policy of maintaining oil supplies at Israel's expense. Answering affirmatively were 33 per cent. Last March, the results were 55 per cent to 39 per cent.

When the survey asked whether a policy of U.S. capitulation to Arab oil demands related to Israel would eventually result in the Arabs dictating policy to America on other issues, the results were an overwhelming 79 per cent "yes" and only 18 per cent "no." Last March, the answers were 74 per cent for and 21 per cent against.

SALT out of committee, into Senate debate

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Friday approved the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II) by a vote of 9-6, sending it to the full Senate for debate.

Ratification requires a two-thirds vote in the Senate. 67 senators if all 100 members participate. The debate is expected to begin later this month.

Objectors expelled

PARIS (AP). — Police yesterday expelled 21 French conscientious objectors from the Belgian embassy which they had occupied two days earlier demanding political asylum. The Belgian embassy said it summoned the gentlemen to expel the youths after explaining to them that international law carried no stipulation allowing the Belgian government to give them refuge.

Lebanon Left seeks deal with Haddad

Post-Mideast Affairs Editor BINT JBEIL, Southern Lebanon. — Lebanon's moderate left, led by Druse chief Wafiq Junblatt, has recently been dispatching its own militias to a neighbouring UN-controlled zone south of the Litani River, in an attempt to eject Palestine Liberation Organization forces from the area, according to reports reaching this South Lebanese town.

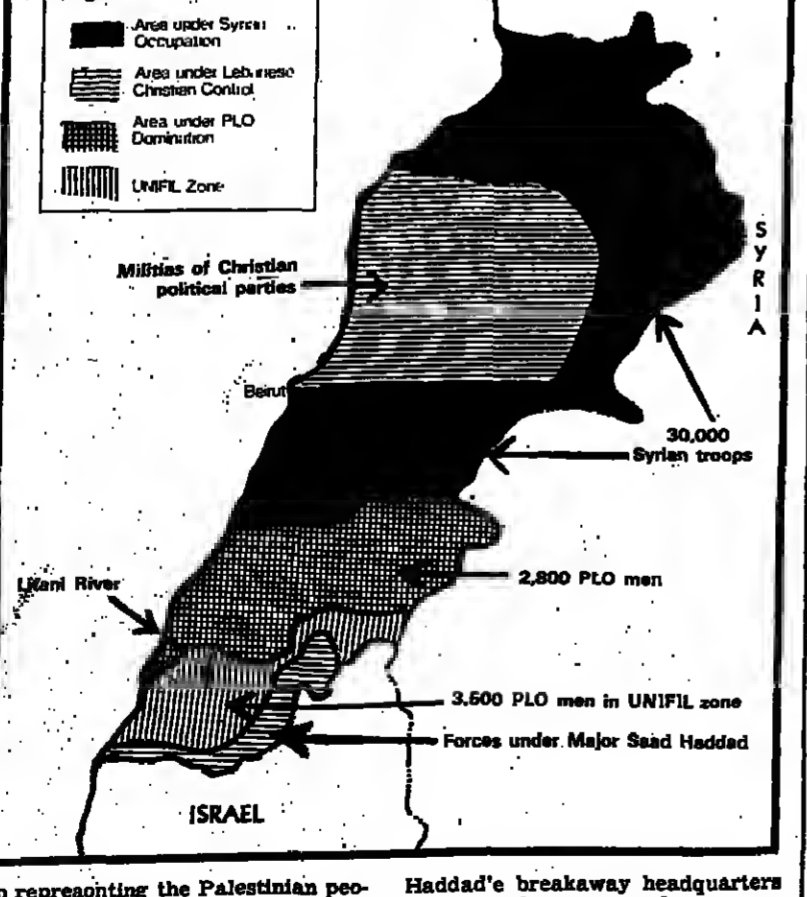
The moderate Lebanese left, which appears to be quietly broken away from an alliance with the PLO, is said to be aimed at achieving one of two alternative targets. The first is to reach an accommodation with the semi-independent border enclave of renegade Lebanese Army Maj. Sa'ad Haddad for a global settlement of the four-year-old Lebanese civil war. The second aim is to guarantee the institutionalization of a leftist-sponsored "statelet" in the war-torn country, which as a result of the civil war has been virtually divided into six mini-states ruled (from south to north) by Haddad, the UN Interim Force in Lebanon, the PLO, the Syrians, Christian political parties, and in the north by Druse extremists. Major alliances combining Lebanese leftists and radical Palestinian leftists.

Junblatt's moderate leftist grouping is currently contesting a neighbouring area in which some 3,500 PLO men are manning about 40 strongholds scattered throughout a UN-controlled area south of the Litani. Their ultimate aim is to spread their hegemony north of the Litani in a zone in which about 2,800 PLO troops have been maintaining absolute rule.

Significantly, Junblatt launched his drive for controlling the PLO-sponsored area in the Lebanese south after talks he held recently in Damascus and Amman with Syrian President Hafez Assad and Jordan King Hussein. Junblatt said last week that he would urge Arab leaders at an upcoming Tunisian summit later this month to press the PLO into freezing its Southern Lebanese activity as a prelude to a reconciliation between Lebanon's warring parties and a reunification of its breakaway governorates.

The general impression here is that Junblatt may find it difficult to avert what seems to be an imminent showdown with the PLO, which has gained more international recognition by maintaining a presence in Southern Lebanon than by its claim

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to representing the Palestinian people. Some observers note that many doors to Western diplomatic corridors have been opened recently to the PLO within the context of its role in the Lebanese crisis.

The apparent struggle brewing between Junblatt's left and the PLO over Southern Lebanon seems to be easing pressure on Haddad's semi-independent border enclaves.

This renegade career officer has been concentrating on consolidating the establishment of a semi-regime in his self-proclaimed "Free army in his self-proclaimed 'Free Lebanon'" which has been steadily drifting toward institutionalization. All of Haddad's fighters, including some 500 career soldiers still enlisted as officers in the Lebanese armed forces, are being now paid by Haddad "on loan," pending the resumption of relations between

Sarkis briefed on Butros' Syria visit

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Butros briefed President Elias Sarkis last night on the outcome of his visit to Syria, where he discussed the Southern Lebanon problem and forthcoming Arab summit.

An official announcement said Butros conferred in Damascus with President Hafez Assad and Foreign Minister Abdal-Halim Khaddam as part of continuing coordination between the two neighbouring countries.

This summit is due to be held in Tunis starting on November 20. Lebanon has been urging other Arab countries to help find a solution to the instability in the region bordering Israel.

Soviet warships leave Haiphong

BANGKOK (UPI). — Three warships from the Soviet Union's Pacific fleet ended a five-day visit to the Vietnamese port of Haiphong, Radio Hanoi said yesterday.

The broadcast did not say where the three warships are going. The call at Haiphong celebrated the first anniversary of a treaty of friendship and cooperation signed by Hanoi and Moscow.

Unemployment not in Hurvitz economic plan

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Finance Minister Yigael Hurvitz said Friday his plans to reduce government spending will not create unemployment nor reduce workers' income.

"Although we must take drastic steps, we will maintain workers' real income," he told reporters after a meeting here with a Histadrut delegation headed by Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel.

Asked whether he anticipated an economic recession, the minister said: "I hope not. Praise the Lord, Israel is hungry for workers."

Hurvitz and Meshel emerged from their 90-minute meeting pledging readiness to cooperate. They also agreed on the need to encourage the development of the industrial sector at the expense of the services.

"These weren't mere platitudes," Hurvitz said. "I feel we are all concerned about the economy's fate," he said.

Meshel added: "We are always in favour of government-Histadrut cooperation."

But cardinal issues still remain unresolved. A participant told The Jerusalem Post the minister presented no concrete proposals. A "package deal" for example, was not even mentioned.

Meshel said that after Hurvitz presents his overall plan to the Histadrut, a team of Central Committee members will examine it and react.

The secretary-general reiterated his demand that the government drop the "new economic policy" it adopted in October 1977, when Hurvitz was minister of industry, trade and tourism. Meshel blamed the NEP for Israel's present economic troubles.

Hurvitz did not comment in Meshel's presence. Questioned by The Post later, the minister said that the policy "was good," deliberately using the past tense. Asked whether it is still a valid policy, he hedged: "I'll take the necessary steps," he said.

The minister indicated he would carry out his programme public reaction notwithstanding. "My job is to do what has to be done whether they applaud me or boo," he said.

Computer fault triggers U.S. doomsday machine

WASHINGTON (AP). — An apparent computer malfunction sent out a false alert of a Soviet missile attack on Friday, the Pentagon announced.

The foul-up, which occurred during a computer test at the North American Air Defence Command headquarters in Colorado, was corrected within six minutes and the false alert never reached U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Defence Secretary Harold Brown or Gen. David Jones, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff.

During that brief time, however, 10 U.S. and Canadian jet interceptors took off from their bases. These planes are assigned to battle attacking bombers.

Six F-101 fighters went aloft from a Royal Canadian Air Force base at Comox, British Columbia. Two F-106 interceptors went up from Kingsley Field in Oregon and two more were dispatched from Sawyer Air Force Base, Michigan.

No B-52 strategic bombers were launched, the Pentagon said. The Strategic Air Command has authority to send bombers aloft in crisis, but the B-52s cannot head for targets in the Soviet Union without a direct order from the president.

Defence officials said the false alarm does not appear to have resulted from any human error. Pentagon spokesman Thomas Ross told a reporter there have been other false alarms that have not been announced, but that a decision had been made to publicize Friday's incident to make it clear that it had

nothing to do with the crisis in Iran. In London, British legislators, alarmed at the false alert, said yesterday the error undermined the "madness of nuclear arms expenditure." They said they plan to raise the matter in Parliament next week and demand Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government reduce nuclear tension by scrapping plans to update Britain's nuclear force.

And in Moscow, the Soviet news agency, reporting for the first time on Friday a false missile alert, said yesterday that the Pentagon was having trouble reassuring people about the episode. "No matter how hard the Pentagon spokesman tried to assure newsmen, they were not soothed by his statements," Tass reported from Washington. "In reporting the incident, the press said that such an 'error' might lead to fatal consequences," Tass added.

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Nahariya	34	15-20	20
Safed	37	15-20	20
Hafia Port	67	22-28	28
Tiberias	28	19-30	28
Nazareth	44	15-25	27
Afula	29	15-20	27
Samaria	29	15-24	24
Tel Aviv	22	17-25	26
B-G Airport	47	18-28	28
Joricho	45	18-28	27
Caes	48	15-25	25
BeerSheva	24	15-28	27
Eilat	21	19-32	31
Tiran Straits	38	21-28	29

ARRIVALS

Frieda Leeman, national president of Pioneer Women, U.S., and members of the national board, at the head of the second contingent of 300 delegates to the organization's 28th biennial convention. The convention, with 1,900 participants, commences on November 13 and will continue until November 20.

Dutch UNIFIL sergeant killed by Soviet mine

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA — A Dutch sergeant serving with UNIFIL was killed and another wounded when their vehicle went over a Soviet-made mine on a dirt road near Bnat el-Sayad, south of Tyre, on Friday.

Sergeant W. de Koning, was UNIFIL's 32nd casualty since the force was stationed in Southern Lebanon in June 1978. Most of the other casualties have been killed in clashes with militia troops, and others were killed in accidents.

Yesterday Dutch troops discovered another mine, and a UNIFIL officer said the mines were of Soviet manufacture.

In another incident, Palestinian terrorists yesterday opened fire on a Lebanese army jeep killing one soldier and slightly injuring two others, an army communique said. It said the incident occurred in the predominantly Christian West Beirut.

The brief communique gave no reason for the incident. But police sources said it was in retaliation for the detention earlier in the day at another police station of a terrorist following a quarrel with police chief Maj. Selim Sleem over the seizure of his car inside the Hobelish police station in West Beirut.

Labour discords mounts over second Beit Berl

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The second Beit Berl gathering last night, held in clear defiance of an appeal by party leaders to abstain from the factional meetings that they say have caused a "free-for-all" in the party, has exacerbated internal friction in the Labour Party.

The party political bureau secretariat last Thursday appealed to all factions and groups not to enter into a second round of gatherings and counter-gatherings which they say endanger party unity. The factions were asked to postpone, for at least two weeks, what some in the party leadership referred to as a "free-for-all" in which everyone is fighting everyone with everything.

The hiatus was to have given party institutions a chance to deal with the potentially dangerous situation which has developed in the party.

Most of the groups have announced willingness to go along with the appeal, but the Beit Berl group last night. The party leadership fears this group more than any other because it includes many of the most prominent and powerful figures in the party. Among them are kibbutz movement leaders and heads of the most influential Histadrut financial and industrial concerns, including Bank Hapoalim's Ya'acov Levinson.

The Beit Berl group maintained over the weekend that the secretariat's call for a truce in factional meetings did not really apply to it because it is not involved in any personal disputes and rivalries and the party secretariat's purpose was to check internal wrangling.

But the assurances did not have anything like a calming influence on the camp of Simon Peres, who argued that the Beit Berl gathering was the first volley in the new internal battle in Labour. Had it not been held, the Peres camp believes, other groups could have been held in check as well. The secretariat's appeal was primarily directed to the Beit Berl group, it was claimed.

The other groups in Labour which planned gatherings have expressed readiness to call them off, but the situation yesterday was still not entirely clear. The pro-Peres group, which had scheduled a counter-meeting to the Beit Berl gathering, announced that it would honour the secretariat's appeal.

The party doves, who had scheduled their second meeting for tonight, have cancelled it. "Although we are really not involved in any way in the personal conflicts of the party," they said in an announcement.

The party centrists and hawks, who said they would now launch a struggle to prevent erosion of the Labour Party platform, are not expected to act either until a move is made by the doves.

Yesterday's gathering was a larger version of the original, with about 180 people participating, including some development town mayors who were invited in an attempt to counter Peres camp charges that the group is "elitist in nature."

'October': Peres, Arafat tried to meet

Post Middle East Affairs Editor and Agencies

CAIRO. — An attempt was made recently to organize a secret meeting in Portugal between Palestinian terrorist chief Yasser Arafat and Labour Party leader Shimon Peres. But both refused at the last minute, fearing the secret might become known, the magazine "October" said yesterday.

Peres, reacting immediately to reports of the story, last night denied that such a meeting had been envisioned.

Arrangements for the meeting, "October" said, were made by Issam Sartawi, a top Arafat aide, and former Shelli ME Arye Ellav.

Peres was in Portugal to attend a meeting of the Socialist International, while Arafat was visiting Lisbon at the same time for talks with the Portuguese government.

"Information media spotlighted the activities of the two men, and it became impossible to hold the meeting secretly," the magazine said. "Both extended themselves, fearing possible repercussions."

Hinting that Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky might be behind the idea, the magazine said arrangements began two months ago following a meeting between Kreisky, former West-German chancellor Willy Brandt and Arafat in Salzburg, Austria. Kreisky has awarded Sartawi and Ellav an Austrian award, in tribute to their efforts to promote a rapprochement between Palestinians and Israelis.

It was also reported yesterday that the Palestine Liberation Organization has instructed its representatives in Europe not to meet any more with Israeli politicians over the Palestinian situation.

Reports from Damascus said that such instructions were specifically relayed to Sartawi, who has been the No. 1 PLO contact with Israeli dignitaries — among them Knesset members.

Unconfirmed reports, also from Damascus, said that Sartawi had in protest tendered his resignation from the Palestine National Council, the PLO's parliament-in-exile.

Police search for killers of Metulla security chief

Jerusalem Post Staff

METULLA. — Security forces are continuing their search for the murderers of Metulla's security coordinator, Yosef Rosenfeld, who was killed on Wednesday night.

A source in the police northern district told The Jerusalem Post yesterday evening that the special 30-man investigating team appointed to solve the murder has questioned dozens of suspects, but little progress had been made in the investigation.

Among those questioned were guards at the "Good Fence," smuggling and other known criminals, and residents of villages in the Triangle.

The Post has learned that the investigators have not even managed to determine the motive for the murder. None of the police's three main theories — that the murderers were emigrants from Lebanon, criminals, or terrorists — has been eliminated.

On Friday, a large crowd attended Rosenfeld's funeral in Metulla. He was eulogized by the head of the local council, Yosef Goldberg.

Prominent among the crowd of mourners were veteran residents of Metulla and Galilee, settlers from border villages, and a large number of Border Police and IDF personnel.

5-DAY WEEK — Workers at the Dimona nuclear research station will be the first city servants in the country to be officially employed on a five-day week basis, starting on December 1, according to an agreement recently reached.

Julian Read, the campaign's director of communications, echoed that assessment, noting pointedly that during the past four weeks (meaning since the speech), Connally has raised more money than ever before. That remark was designed to buttress the public position that the speech did not represent a political blunder.

But beneath this public posture, Connally and his aides recognize that they probably mishandled the public relations fallout from the speech. Some of the damage could have been averted. Connally, for example, should have consulted with several key Republican Jewish leaders, such as Max Baucus, George Klein and Rita Hauser, in advance. That could have alleviated some embarrassment and personal pique among these Jewish activists, who learned about the speech only after it had been set in concrete.

At the briefing, which was specifically called to elaborate on the Middle East speech, the aides suggested that the news media were largely responsible for the view that the speech was "anti-Israeli." Many of its points had been "distorted" in the initial reporting, they claimed.

Regarding Connally's call for



Tel Aviv deputy mayor Yigal Griffl (left) and Frankfurt Mayor Walter Wallmann announce the signing of a twin-city pact in the German town on Thursday. (AP radiophoto)

Many women seen quitting work force unless income tax laws amended

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

If income tax laws are not changed, many women will be forced to leave the work force and return home, the secretary-general of Na'amat, Nava Arad, warned last week.

She said that the present income tax law discriminates against married women and divorced and widowed mothers, and that Na'amat demanded that these laws be urgently amended.

Na'amat is the roof body of women's organizations.

The rising costs of child-care and household maintenance are making it increasingly difficult for mothers to keep a job, Arad said. She demanded that working mothers receive two credit points (mekudot zku) for every child instead of the one point now granted, and that divorced or widowed mothers receive an extra point.

Income tax laws should distinguish between the pension and work income received by widows, Arad said.

A woman working with her husband in their own business, farm or plant is doubly taxed: the present laws deprive her of credit points for children and levy a high tax on her income, which is calculated as part of her husband's income, Arad said.

Israel is acutely in need of more women workers, who presently make up only 34 per cent of the work force, while in Japan and West Germany, as well as other European countries they constitute almost 60 per cent. Unfavourable working conditions in Israel deter many women from even trying to get a job, Arad said.

Other discriminatory tactics include the fact that women are paid only 60 per cent of men's salaries, slower promotion, non-compliance with existing labour laws concerning maternity leave, and a retirement age five years lower than for men, she added.

U.S. presidential candidate claims he's pro-Israel

Connally defends his M.E. policy

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Key aides of Republican presidential candidate John Connally met with reporters at his campaign headquarters here last week clearly eager to convince them that the former Texas governor's controversial Middle East policy programme is actually pro-Israel.

Sam Hoekinson, a former Middle East intelligence officer in the Central Intelligence Agency, who resigned from Zbigniew Brzezinski's National Security Council staff earlier this year to join the Connally campaign, was emphatic in insisting that a close reading of the entire territorial integrity of Israel, and renounce all terrorist tactics.

Brady pointed out that this was the existing U.S. position, as practised by the Carter administration.

Regarding the call in the speech for a total Israeli withdrawal to the pre-1967 lines with only "minor border rectifications," Hoekinson noted that this has been the consistent U.S. position since 1967. He also asserted somewhat bitterly that this was the position accepted "more or less" in the 1973 Brookings Report on the Middle East, which Rita Hauser signed.

Connally aides are not hiding their anger at what they charge was the role of the Israel Embassy here in raising opposition to their Middle East speech. They insist that Connally was never even given a chance by the embassy and the Government of Israel.

Before the speech was written, one aide said, Connally had tried to arrange a meeting in New York with visiting Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan to hear his views. But the then-foreign minister "didn't have the time." Connally did meet during that same week with visiting King Hussein of Jordan.

"The Connally camp feels that the embassy has tried to orchestrate a campaign against the governor, and they cite quotes in U.S. newspapers from 'authoritative Israeli spokesmen' who have condemned the speech. And more to the point, they charge that the embassy is interfering in domestic American politics — charges strongly denied by the embassy.

"To hear the tone of Connally's aides today, one might conclude that their candidate is really Israel's best friend.

Moreover, if one were to take "the entire text" of the speech and "read it very carefully," one would realize that the speech was "pro-Israel," according to the Connally aides, they refer specifically to the proposal for a joint Israel-Palestinian development bank and a strong U.S. military presence in the Middle East.

But the Connally aides say they realize that no matter how much "thoughtful Israelis" might appreciate these positions, Prime Minister Menahem Begin and his cabinet probably will never come to like them because of their determination to hold on to the West Bank and Gaza.

They believe that a Labour government in Israel might be more willing to accept the Connally positions as the best possible deal Israel could realistically expect.

In any case, the pro-Israel slant, now being given by the Connally campaign to the speech tends to confirm that the American Jewish vote is still regarded as important in the domestic political process.

What makes Ehrlich blush? Hints of cabinet deal send NRP, Herut tempers soaring

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Deputy Prime Minister Simha Ehrlich's reported hints at National Religious Party gains from secret deals in the recent government reshuffle have sent political tempers soaring in the NRP, Liberal Party efforts over the weekend to smooth things over have so far been to no avail.

Ehrlich was reported by several of the participants at last Thursday's Liberal Party Executive session to have indicated that the big winner in the recent government reshuffle was his fellow Liberals that NRP gains "are not yet public knowledge; but when the facts are revealed, they will make us all blush."

As soon as the statements were published on Friday, a furor developed in the NRP and its leaders conducted intensive contacts throughout the day. NRP secretary-general Danny Vermaas accused Ehrlich of "possibly wishing to sabotage the reshuffled cabinet and create an atmosphere which would prevent his successor in the Finance Ministry, Yigael Hurvitz, from carrying out vital economic reforms."

Reactions from the Liberal side were confusing. Ehrlich maintained that he had been quoted out of context, but he did not fully clarify what he meant to say. Sources close to him denied that he had aimed his barbs at the choice of Prof. Ya'acov Ne'eman of the NRP as the Finance Ministry's new director-general.

Ehrlich said that, although he has some gripes about relations with the NRP, on the whole I am satisfied with our Coalition partnership.

But NRP sources indicated yesterday that this would not be enough to calm the raging storm. "We still want to know what makes Ehrlich blush. If he knows of any deal to which we are supposed to be party, but which we know nothing about, he ought to make his information public and enlighten us," Vermaas said.

Ehrlich also succeeded in infuriating his Likud partners, especially Herut. Here too there is much speculation about what he meant by "secret deals" and Herut is fuming over his assertions that the Liberals have "become Herut's whipping boy."

Weizman asks lawyers' probe of Shamgar C'tee findings

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Defence Minister Ezer Weizman has appointed a committee of three respected lawyers — Yehoshua Hofenstreich, Amnon Goldenberg and Yitzhak Tzadik — to review legal, legislative and public questions involved in any possible implementation of the Shamgar Committee's recommendations on the military judicial system.

This committee, set up because certain of the Shamgar Committee's recommendations do not fit with IDF practice, is to submit its recommendations to the minister by December 31.

A senior legal observer in Jerusalem last night described the decision to appoint a lower-level committee to review the Shamgar Committee's recommendations.

The Shamgar Committee was appointed nearly three years ago to review the military judicial system. It submitted its recommendations to the defence and justice ministers some 28 months ago, after nearly a year of preparatory work.

The committee was headed by Supreme Court Justice Meir Shamgar, who had earlier been partly responsible for drafting the military justice code. He has served as judge advocate-general of the IDF and is a world-renowned expert on military law. Other members of the committee were senior lawyers in the public service.

The committee's main recommendations centred on diminishing military commanders' power to reduce or overrule the sentences of military courts in criminal offences.

In addition, the committee also recommended that the president of the military appeals court be a lawyer by training, as well as a senior military officer.

Earlier this year, Defence Minister Ezer Weizman acknowledged that he had accepted this recommendation "in principle," but nevertheless appointed a paratrooper officer with no legal background to the position of president of the court.

The General Staff and the Defence Ministry only recently began to study the Shamgar Committee's recommendations — in part because of public criticism of Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan's decisions in the Pinto and Sadeh affairs. (In both cases he committed sentences for crimes committed during the 1978 Litani Operation in South Lebanon.) To date, the committee has not been consulted at all on its recommendations.

Weizman, Gur deny 'kill-PoW' orders

Defence Minister Ezer Weizman and former chief of staff Mordechai Gur emphatically denied on Friday that there were ever orders to kill or injure prisoners of war during or after Operation Litani.

According to a government Press Office communique, instructions issued to commanders and troops stated that POWs were not to be harmed. After violations of those orders were uncovered, instructions were given to treat the offenders with the utmost severity.

Weizman and Gur were responsible for Operation Litani, in which the IDF invaded Lebanon in 1978. Friday's statement followed the furor caused by Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan's reduction of sentences to Sgan-Aluf Arye Sadeh and Segen Daniel Pinto after they had been convicted of murdering POWs during the campaign.

SETTLEMENT POLICY

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the most fanatical fringes of Gush Etzion. At Hammer's suggestion, Premier Menahem Begin has asked the attorney-general to provide the cabinet ministers today with precise and detailed information on the breakdown of West Bank lands into ownership patterns (private, state, unclear, etc.). Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir is also to submit to the cabinet all the legal options available to it to ensure that extant and future Jewish settlements are not challenged successfully in the courts.

In a television interview last night, Hammer said he was seeking to work on the basis of the "common denominators that unite all of us: the desire to avoid a confrontation that could turn into civil strife; the intention to honour the verdict of the High Court; and the wish to have Jewish settlement in Eretz-Israel."

CELEUS. — Education Minister Zevulun Hammer on Friday asked all the country's high school students to lend a hand with this year's citrus harvest by giving a week to 10 days to this "national service."

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TV viewing continues as Lapid, journalists clash

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A management shutdown of Israel TV was averted on Friday afternoon when the journalists' staff committee and Broadcasting Authority director-general Yosef Lapid agreed to meet this morning to discuss the journalists' two-and-a-half-minute blackout of "Mabat" news on Thursday night.

But while the Broadcasting Authority spokesman claimed that the journalists had "backed down" from their announced "severance of relations" with Lapid because they realized the threat to shut down TV was serious, a journalists' spokesman said it was Lapid who had turned conciliatory when he resisted that the authorities' board of directors would vote for a shutdown.

In another development, Yitzhak Roeh left the late news show "Almost Midnight" on Thursday with the feeling that he had failed.

There was a mood of revolt at TV House in Jerusalem on Friday as journalists expected an angry response to their Thursday blackout. The staff committee had ordered the appearance of a test pattern on the screen for two-and-a-half minutes, the length of a scheduled film report by Rafiq Halaby on a West Bank mayors' solidarity meeting for Nablus Mayor Bassam Shaka.

Shaka is under fire for allegedly saying that he identified fully with terrorists who perpetrated last

year's Coastal Road massacre. News director Haim Yavin and "Mabat" editor Ya'acov Ahimeir had previewed the segment and called it "balanced and fair." They said that it should be broadcast since many foreign television teams had covered the assembly and that Israeli viewers should not be prevented from seeing it.

But Lapid, an hour before broadcast, banned the film report from the screen on grounds that "TV should not serve as a platform for the PLO, which murders children."

Ahimeir, with Yavin's approval, introduced the blackout on the air by saying that "for reasons beyond our control" the segments could not be broadcast.

After the staff committee decided to "sever relations" with Lapid on Friday morning — and the sympathetic administrative works committee held back Lapid's phone calls and mail — the board of directors convened and was expected to order the cancellation of Friday evening's programming.

Roeh said his frequent disagreements with Broadcasting Authority chairman Reuven Yaron and Lapid, who objected to his personal and casual brand of news presentation, had no particular bearing on his decision to leave "Almost Midnight."

Daniel Pe'er will host "Almost Midnight" four times a week and Oded Ben-Ami the other night, but Pe'er too plans to leave the show in April.



President Yitzhak Navon examines one of 11 volumes of a Talmud translated into Spanish presented to him on Friday at Beit Hanassi by the Argentine Ambassador Jorge Casal. (Rahamim Israeli)

Syrian 'revolution' nearing

By JOAN BOBSTEIN
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NICOSIA — "Syria is on the verge of revolution, you can smell it in the air," a Syrian national just returned from two weeks in Damascus yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The source, whose family still lives in Damascus, said armed civilians roam the streets of the Syrian capital and Aleppo, stopping passersby and demanding identification. They are apparently searching for anti-government forces who have been threatening Syria's internal political situation and recently planted a bomb in Aleppo's Ba'ath Party headquarters.

Several Syrians, Sunni Moslems who oppose rule by the minority Alawis, have recently been executed.

"Syrians, especially the

minorities, find the no-peace, no-war situation unnerving," said the source. He said that the 400,000 Alawis are losing the confidence of the country's seven million Sunni Moslems, and 300,000 Christians. The Alawi hold has been weakened by Syria's inability to extricate its army from Lebanon; the way Assad's brother, Rafat, is abusing power; and by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace initiative, which is apparently supported by educated Syrians and the business community, the source said.

It is feared that if Assad is overthrown he could be replaced with the underground Moslem Brotherhood, whose activities are believed to be financed by the Libyans. Nobody knows how many people are in the Moslem Brotherhood.

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET REVIEW

Bulls chase the bears away as bond market rebounds

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter

A major turnaround in the index-linked bond market after a foreign currency cash "buying binge" of nearly hysterical proportions, and then a sharp fall in the exchange rate of the Israeli pound, plus a floundering share market, kept the investment community hopping last week.

As the week began, the public sold its index-linked bonds as if they were hot potatoes, rather than an obligation guaranteed by the State of Israel, because of a belief that once Yigael Hurvitz assumed the office of finance minister he would impose a tax on the bonds. Only forceful support by the Bank of Israel left prices mainly unchanged.

But on Wednesday morning Hurvitz announced that there would be no tax imposed on index-linked bonds, nor would there be any change in foreign currency control regulations. Over the last two sessions of the week most bond groups added 5-8 per cent to their deflated prices as buyers flooded the market with orders. Record turnovers were achieved as more than IL1b. worth of bonds were traded. Along the way a one-session, all-time

high of IL272.5m. was reached. The Israel pound also devalued at a rapid rate early in the week as the public made a wild rush on the banks to convert pound holdings into cash of any foreign currency. Estimates are that up to the equivalent of \$20m. worth of cash was withdrawn from the banking system. In some of the commercial banks foreign currency transactions were carried out on an allocation basis as stocks of cash dwindled.

On Thursday the tide of devaluation also changed direction, as the battered pound rallied for a 10-agora gain. But the pound had been devalued by nearly 3 per cent in one week.

There was no change in the downward trend in the share market, with little incentive for the public to buy shares. Commercial bank shares were the only consistently good feature as their prices continued to rise in an attempt to maintain share gains in direct proportion to the rise in the cost-of-living index. Real estate and land development, and investment company shares were badly battered by selling pressures and the prices of shares in these groups fell heavily.

WALL STREET WEEK

Interest rates seen peaking

NEW YORK (AP). — After a series of false alarms in the last several months, hopes are rising again on Wall Street that interest rates are near a peak.

These hopes stem partly from the most recent data from the U.S. Federal Reserve, which show some tentative evidence that the growth of the money supply is slowing in response to credit-tightening by the Fed.

Late this past week most major U.S. banks raised their prime lending rates again, from 15.25 to 15.5 per cent. But the optimists point out that New York's Citibank, under the formula it uses for setting the basic charge on blue-chip loans, could have posted an even bigger increase.

The fact that the bank New York's largest, chose not to do so was interpreted by some of the optimists as a signal that maybe its policy-makers figured money rates might soon be headed downward.

That message may have a familiar ring. Similar hopes have built up on several occasions this year among stock and bond traders, only to be wiped out each time by a fresh surge in interest rates.

But since late October, money rates have steadied, and some have even declined a bit. The stock market, likewise, has shown signs of recovering its balance after a two-week slide of about 83 points in the Dow Jones industrial average in mid-October.

Germans deport 2 PLO men interrogated by Israel agents

MUNICH (Reuters). — West Germany on Friday deported two jailed Palestinian terrorists following a scandal about their interrogation in jail by an Israeli agent, Bavarian state authorities said.

The Bavarian Interior Ministry said Mohammed Hamada and Salim Sejaan had been flown out of the country. They did not reveal their destination.

The two men were released from Munich's Straubing jail at the urgent request of the federal government in Bonn, Bavarian Premier Franz Josef Strauss said.

They had served four months of sentences of 2½ years each for breaking explosives laws.

Strauss said the government was afraid of Arab terrorist reprisals. "One of the reasons is the fear of acts of violence in the Federal Republic," he told journalists.

Bavarian security sources said one of the two Palestinian prisoners had attempted to smuggle letters out of jail to trigger off acts of violence.

West Germany has not forgotten the "Black September" Arab commando raid at the 1972 Munich Olympics and the subsequent airport battle which cost the lives of 11 Israeli

athletes and five terrorists. The Palestinians released were freed less than a fortnight after the federal government admitted an Israeli counter-terrorism expert had been allowed to question them in jail.

The disclosure was an embarrassment to the government and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher was quick to ask angry Arab ambassadors not to let the affair affect their relations with Bonn.

The Bavarian state authorities agreed to the government's request but said they had serious reservations.

The Bavarian Justice and Interior Ministries said they were worried about the effect the extradition could have on upholding the law and fighting terrorism.

The state government acceded to the pressure of federal Interior Minister Gerhart Baum who had appealed for the immediate extradition of the two men after considering the security situation, the Bavarian government said in a statement.

Sejaan, 31, and Hamada, 26, were arrested on April 26 as they entered West Germany from Austria with 45 kilos of explosives, eight detonators, a bigging device and 11 forged passports.

U.S. churches crush anti-Israel vote

NEW YORK (AP). — The National Council of Churches voted unanimously Friday to delay action on a resolution accusing Israel of injustice and torture and calling for an end to U.S. aid to that nation.

The council, an umbrella organization of 32 Christian denominations representing 40 million Americans, set aside the resolution until next May, when a vote is planned on a new Middle East policy.

The resolution was proposed by the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America, a small Eastern Orthodox group made up mostly of Syrian-Americans.

One source said the council "pulled out all the big guns" to avoid a confrontation. The council source — who asked not to be identified — said, "The resolution won't come up again... it had not a ghost of a chance."

A group formed to combat the anti-Israel proposal appealed to the council to reject the resolution. The Christians Concerned For The National Council of Churches said the resolution was "full of distortion, fabrication and lies." They said ending U.S. aid would be "tantamount to calling for the destruction of Israel."

The council, which includes most major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox bodies in the U.S., has proposed talks between the U.S. and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

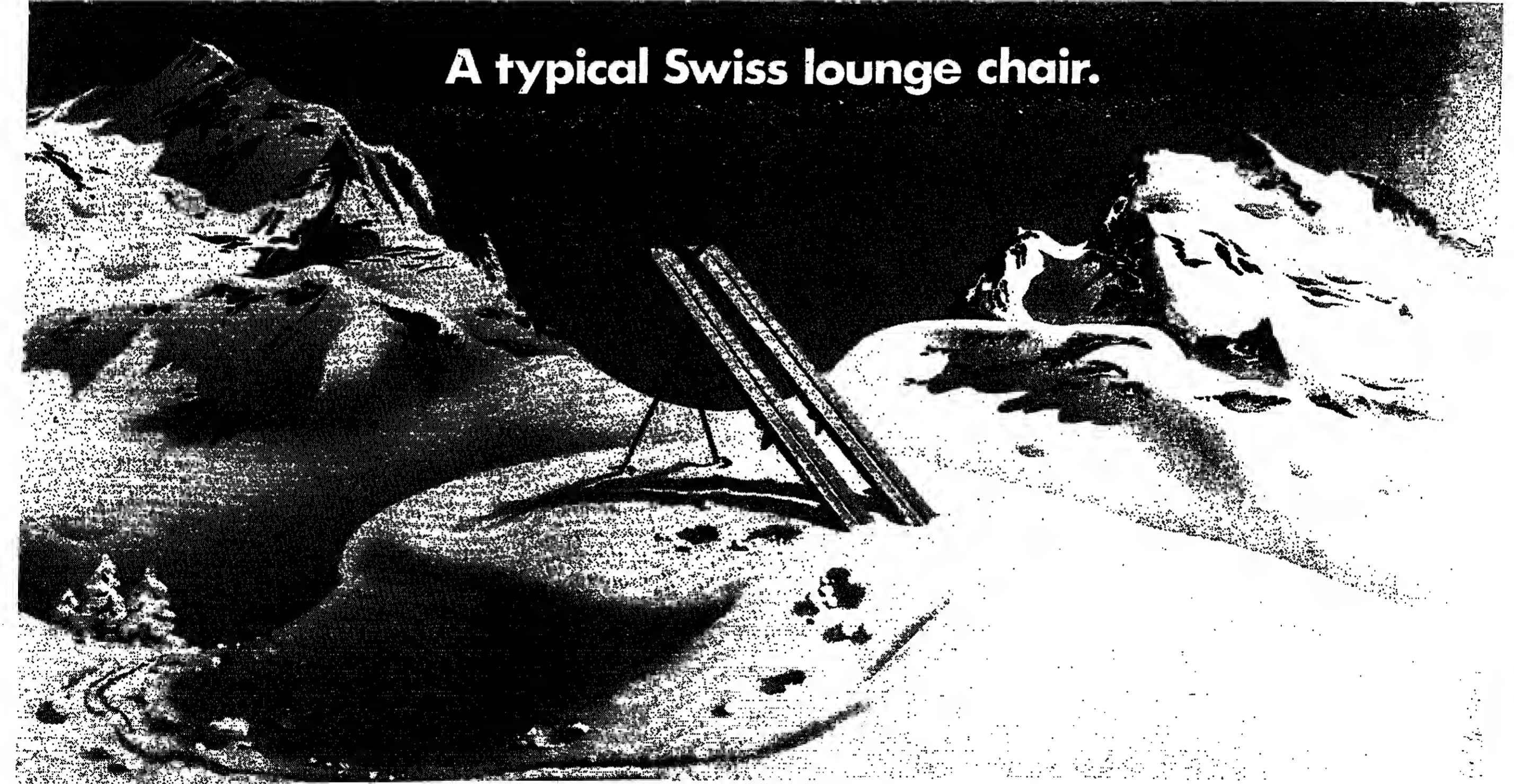
The resolution accused Israel of filling Israeli jails with 5,000 political prisoners, of inequality and injustices against non-Jews, and of rejecting the "right of the Palestinians to self-determination ... of their homeland."

Tax debtors barred from leaving country

District courts around the country have recently issued orders barring 150 large tax debtors from leaving the country. The orders were issued at the request of the income tax authorities who had asked for a far

larger number of orders, many of which were not granted.

The tax debtors affected by the orders are people who are known to make frequent trips abroad, whether on business or personal visits.



A typical Swiss lounge chair.

In spite of its simple construction, (the illustration is quite sufficient as do-it-yourself instruction) this Swiss lounge chair has an easily adjustable angle and even a built-in spring suspension. It can be arranged to form sociable circles or it can be set in remote spots. (So remote that you see only mountain peaks, glaciers and the azure vault of heaven.) And for a piece of furniture, it has a unique feature: moving it is not only no problem at all, it's pure delight.

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you float over bumps and even fly for a while if you wish. All this, over many kilometers of well-marked descents.

Far down in the valley other Swiss chairs await you: carved rustic chairs in cozy restaurants, stools in plush bars, fur covered benches in horse-drawn sleighs, deck chairs by indoor pools and fast seats in bob sleds.

The times when winter sports meant only skiing are long gone in Switzerland. And so is the time when winter sports meant paying a lot of money. The Fantaski brochure, available at your travel agency or from

Swissair (which is, by the way, the official representative of the Swiss National Tourist Office in Israel), illustrates this point with many advantageous all-inclusive offers.

Incidentally, you can relax already in Tel Aviv in a wide, comfortable Swiss easy chair: in the Swissair DC-10-30, which flies you to Switzerland in four hours and where economy class has in each row only eight instead of nine seats.

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Zimbabwe guerrillas challenged to go to polls

LONDON. — Britain warned the Patriotic Front guerrilla leaders at the Zimbabwe Rhodesia conference yesterday that its proposals for free elections and a return to legality would have to be accepted substantially as they stand and challenged them to show faith in their own claims to majority support in the country.

The delegation of the government of Bishop Abel Muzorewa announced late yesterday that most of its members would be returning to Zimbabwe Rhodesia during the weekend to prepare for the general election.

A statement said they were leaving because the British government had decided not to renew sanctions and the Muzorewa regime already has agreed with the plans for independence now being argued with the guerrillas.

Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, chairman of the conference now in its ninth week, made clear again to the Patriotic Front that it would not approve radical changes in the British plan already accepted by Muzorewa's government.

Britain announced on Friday moves to assemble a Commonwealth

military force to monitor a proposed cease-fire in the Zimbabwe Rhodesian war. But guerrillas at the London peace talks rejected key points of Britain's peace plan.

British sources immediately ruled out the guerrillas' demand for prolonged negotiations on their counter-proposal and made it clear they want a quick and firm answer to their peace plan.

The British view, as expressed by Carrington — that "we must reach a decision in the near future; there is a very high degree of urgency and need" — infuriated the spokesman for the Patriotic Front.

"Who are they to say there is no time?" he said. "They have no power in Zimbabwe."

The Commonwealth monitoring force is a British bid to find a compromise on guerrilla demands for an international peace-keeping force during the transition to British-granted, independent, black-majority rule in Zimbabwe Rhodesia.

A Foreign Office spokesman said Australia and New Zealand were among countries invited to contribute troops, but would specify no other nations. (UPI, AP)



Police lead away one of the demonstrators injured in a clash between angry Americans and Iranian students during a rally Friday in Beverly Hills. (UPI telephoto)

Anti-Iran demonstrations in U.S.

WASHINGTON. — A wave of anti-Iranian feeling was sweeping the U.S. over the weekend, with angry Americans in several cities clashing with Iranian students demonstrating support for Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

In Los Angeles, some 160 demonstrators, mostly Iranians arrested for their own protection, were being held by police yesterday after police broke up a morning-long clash between Iranian and American students angry about the situation in Tehran.

Among the counter-demonstrators was Irv Rubin, the national director of the Jewish Defense League, who led the first assault of debris-throwing and name-calling at a group of Iranians demonstrating support for Tehran students who were holding the U.S. embassy in Tehran with 60 hostages.

Placards attacking "Zionism" were among those carried by the demonstrators. The signs, in large green and red letters, read "Zionism — racism, hypocrisy, expansionism," and "Jews our brothers, down with Zionism."

At different times during the course of their demonstration, the demonstrators shouted "Down with Zionism."

"I've had enough of this nonsense of people who are guests in our country treating us like unwelcome guests in their country," said a Los Angeles publisher who held up a sign. "Give us our embassy back," across the street from the Iranian demonstration. The clash between the Iranians and the angry Americans jammed traffic at Santa Monica and Wilshire Boulevards, one of the busiest intersections in normally sedate Beverly Hills. Signs carried by demonstrators read "Iranians drink oil," "Iranians go home," and "Roast an Iranian for Thanksgiving." An Iranian flag was burned.

While congressional leaders called for "cool heads" in Washington, a similar anti-Iran demonstration occurred Friday when about 900 Iranians marching through the U.S. capital were attacked by onlookers hurling debris and abuse.

The Iranian students were cursed and pelted with eggs by well-dressed men and women who joined

youngsters in jeans who shouted in unison "deportation, deportation," as members of the Muslim Students Association carrying banners proclaiming their love for Khomeini and their hatred for the shah, marched through the city. Three people were arrested.

Washington Mayor Marion Barry issued an order banning any further parades in the city connected to the Iranian situation, because there were fears that more marches planned by the Muslim student group might incite violence that would complicate the negotiations for the release of the 60 hostages in Tehran.

Washington legislators who met with Vice-President Walter Mondale Friday schooled President Jimmy Carter's call for calm and restraint. But several Republican congressmen assailed Carter for his "continued failure to act."

One legislator, Idaho Republican George Hansen, said Carter should deport, or "take into protective custody," Iranian students in the U.S., and sever trade and aide relations with Iran. (UPI, AP, Reuters)

Economic proposals lauded in unanimous UN resolution

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — The UN General Assembly unanimously adopted a Third World resolution on Friday expressing appreciation for economic proposals made by national leaders that have spoken at its current session.

The resolution referred to them as "recent major proposals" on raw materials, energy, trade, development, money and finance made by heads of state or government and said they constituted "an unparalleled, action-oriented and global approach" to those issues.

It specified that the Assembly's economic committee on the whole should include any "suggestions and recommendations...which may result from the consideration" of those proposals in the report the committee is to make to a 1980 economic special session of the Assembly.

The resolution did not name any heads of state or government. But speakers that have made economic proposals to the assembly in the last few months include President Jose Lopez Portillo of Mexico, President

Fidel Castro of Cuba and Chancellor Bruno Kreisky of Austria.

Lopez Portillo on September 27 predicted that the world would run out of oil in the next few decades and called for a world energy plan and world energy institute to conserve the remaining oil and smooth the transition to other energy sources.

Castro, chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement, called here on October 12 for governments to get up a \$300b. fund to make gifts or loans to underdeveloped countries at a rate of at least \$25b. a year for the building of houses, schools, hospitals and factories.

Kreisky urged that modern, industrialized countries, through large-scale joint action, build communication facilities, railroads and other basic systems for developing countries through something like the Marshall Plan.

The resolution in question was one of seven that the Assembly approved by general consent on the initiative of the developing countries' Group of 77, now 118 strong. Indian Ambassador Brahaj Mishra introduced all seven resolutions.

Bolivians reject junta rule

LA PAZ. — The Bolivian congress yesterday refused to recognize the military government of Col. Albreto Natusch Busch and said only congress has the legal right to select a new national executive.

The congressional resolution followed more than eight hours of debate that ended any hope Natusch had for his proposal to create a three-person junta to rule the country until the inauguration of a new civilian president next August, following May 4 elections.

Congress saw the Natusch proposal as an attempt to legitimize his bloody 10-day regime that ended Bolivia's first civilian constitutional government in 15 years.

The congressional veto followed news that Venezuela had followed a U.S. lead and cut off its economic aid to Bolivia in protest against the

coup. Venezuela suspended \$44m. economic aid to Bolivia, a well-informed Venezuelan diplomatic source here said Friday.

A strike by tin miners also spells impending economic doom for Natusch's regime. Half of Bolivia's export earnings come from tin, and half of all of Bolivia's export earnings will be needed to cancel \$450m. in loans that are due beginning in January.

Shortly after the congress voted to reject Natusch, about 40 persons gathered in the Plaza San Francisco about five blocks from the presidential palace and shouted: "Natusch, Murderer. Natusch, Murderer." Policemen fired into the air and the group dispersed rapidly. Bolivia is under a state of siege and a 1 to 5 a.m. curfew. (UPI, AP)

Talks open on world hunger

ROME (UPI). — Delegates from 146 nations met in Rome yesterday seeking to avoid a world "catastrophe of biblical proportions" with a billion people living in hunger by the year 2000.

The 20th biannual conference of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) opened with 1,500 delegates, including nearly 100 agriculture ministers, discussing the difficulty of feeding the world's future population without destroying the environment.

Reports presented to the con-

ference said the world's population was growing at the rate of 100 million a year and would reach 6 billion by the year 2000.

The world must increase its agriculture production by at least 50 per cent within 20 years or 1 billion people will be faced with starvation, delegates were told.

"The indifference of the majority of industrialized nations to this problem could provoke a catastrophe of biblical proportions," one of the reports said.

Mother Teresa feted in India

NEW DELHI (AP). — Mother Teresa, India's "Saint of the Gutter," had it all her own way on Friday on a hectic visit to the capital to receive congratulations from government leaders, politicians and diplomats on winning the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.

Foreign Minister S.N. Mishra invited the 69-year-old Roman Catholic nun to lunch, then changed plans at her request. Instead, the minister and his aides were coaxed by her into distributing food at a home for 140 dying and destitute persons in the slums of outer Delhi, one of 158 such

centres operated by Mother Teresa's order in four continents.

Later, the "Living Saint," as many call her, drew tearful applause followed by stormy applause at a UN conference promoting improved status for women with a short, moving speech urging love for all humans, particularly the poor and helpless.

Mother Teresa, born in Yugoslavia to Albanian parents, was named on October 17 to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, in recognition of her 30 years of service to the "poorest of the poor."

Sukarno's memory being rehabilitated

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP). — Nine years after he died discredited and under house arrest, the late president Sukarno has been returned to the ranks of Indonesian heroes.

Record crowds at the Jakarta Cultural Centre thronged to a two-week exhibit of Sukarno memorabilia, which was opened by Vice-President Adam Malik.

At least 150,000 people visited the collection of paintings, ceramics, carvings and other items in the \$72,580 show which ended in September. The exhibit was the latest event in a 19-month campaign to polish Sukarno's image.

Sukarno, known to Indonesians as Bung (brother) Karno, seemed officially forgotten and rarely mentioned favourably in official circles after he died at 69 from a kidney ailment. His reckless economic policies brought the country to the brink of bankruptcy.

Admirers once hailed him — as a hero for his vision of a united and independent Indonesia, his spellbinding oratory and charismatic power to sway the masses. Opponents deplored his demagoguery, his hedonistic lifestyle and his tilt toward the new-banned Communist Party.

White-coloured ties weaker as South African talks fail

PRETORIA (AP). — Prime Minister Pieter Botha clashed bitterly with leaders of South Africa's coloured community on Friday night after failing to win their support for his policies.

In an unusual step, an angry Botha released the transcript of his meeting with members of the government-created coloured Representative Council, which groups major coloured political bodies.

In one outburst, Botha declared: "And now I want to warn you finally. I say it again: one man — one vote is out in this country. That is, never."

A "coloured" under South Africa's race laws is a person of mixed African and non-African blood. About 2.4 million people fall under that category. Like the 19 million blacks and 765,000 Asians, they have no political rights.

After the meeting, the leader of the largest coloured party, the Rev. Alan Hendrickse of the Labour Party, said coloured leaders had been "insulted, intimidated and treated like children" by Botha.

The talks exposed Botha's attitude towards the people. He wants to consult in his way. He just wants us to do everything he suggests, instead of being prepared to negotiate properly with us," Hendrickse said.

An alliance between the 4.4 million "white" minority and the "coloureds" had been considered key to Botha's "total strategy" of hunting black nationalist pressures in South Africa by forging a union of the white, coloureds, Asians and middle-class, urban blacks.

The clash with the CRC was widely seen as the collapse of any hope Botha may have had for accommodation with the coloureds.

Iran students plot kidnapping U.S. governor

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (AP). — Four Iranians and one Sudanese, all students at Mankato State University, were arrested Friday on charges of trying to kidnap Minnesota Governor Al Quie, police said.

Police Chief Richard Hornow identified the five as Hornoz Asadi, Ferdounoud Ghodoudi, Mohamad Noeri and Hady Haidary — all Iranians — and Antoun Stambouliah of Sudan.

Rowan said they were backed by St. Paul police on charges of conspiracy to commit kidnapping, conspiracy to commit assault, and possession of a pistol without a permit.

Under Minnesota law, they can be held for 36 hours excluding Sundays and holidays before making a court appearance.

Rowan said the department had received information "that there might be an attempt to kidnap the governor."

He said officers had been tipped on the description of a car that was to have been used in the affair and they spotted it near the governor's mansion on wide, tree-lined Summit Avenue.

Rowan said two persons were arrested in the car and three others inside the mansion. He said two shotguns and a handgun were taken from the car at the time of arrest. Police declined to say whether the guns were loaded. The three arrested inside the mansion were not armed and police said arrests were very quiet and orderly.

About 200 students were in the mansion at the time, attending a reception for international students.

MX missile halt stymied by Senate

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. Senate easily killed an attempt Friday to halt developing the MX missile that will be the biggest weapon ever built for America's nuclear arsenal.

At the same time, the Senate voted 87-0 not to commit the U.S. to develop the weapon's "track" design in the states of Utah and Nevada, as proposed by President Carter.

Taken together, the votes mean there is a broad consensus in favour of building the 90,000-kilo, 10-warhead missile, but not on the launching system approved by the president.

The issue was part of a \$121.7b. appropriation bill for the 1979-80 fiscal year, that includes funds for all military salaries and pensions, weapons purchases, research, operations and maintenance.

Japan coalition gov't proposed

TOKYO (UPI). — Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira opened the second phase of his party's internal struggle yesterday by proposing a coalition government with a moderate opposition group.

For the first time since his re-

election, Ohira admitted, at a nationally televised news conference, that he has been in contact with the new Liberal Club, a splinter group of the governing Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) created three years ago.

Sirhan loses bid for shorter term

SAN FRANCISCO (AP). — Sirhan Sirhan, originally sentenced to death for the assassination of U.S. Senator Robert Kennedy, has lost a bid to have his prison sentence reduced.

Sirhan had asked the California Supreme Court to reduce the 16-year term that he must serve before he is eligible for parole. He also asked the

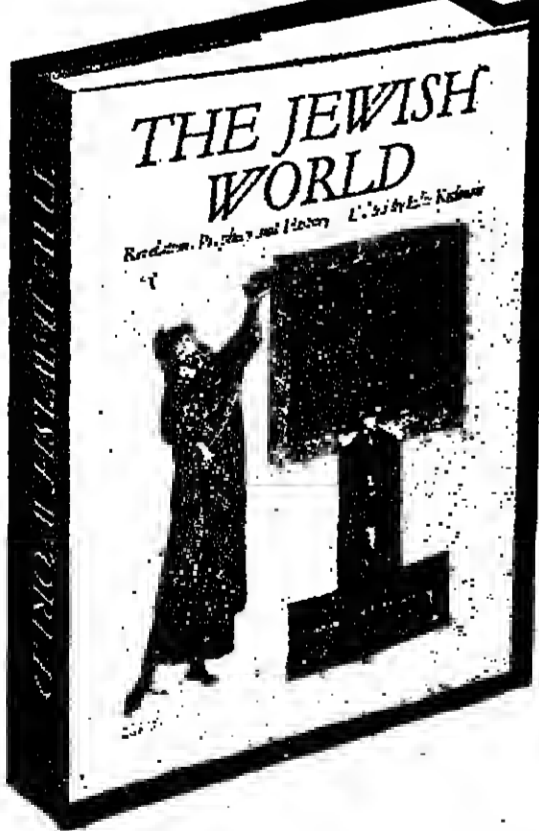
court to eliminate 45 months added to his sentence because of multiple crimes involved in the 1968 Los Angeles hotel shooting that killed Kennedy and wounded several others.

The high court denied Sirhan's petition. The community release board has set May 1, 1985, as the day Sirhan is eligible for parole.

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Coffee, tea—but not me!

UTRECHT, Netherlands (Reuter). — A Dutch woman tried to curb her husband's sexual advances by slipping hormone tablets into his coffee. The husband only found out 12 years later when his doctor noticed he had female breasts.

The case was reported by a surgeon in the Dutch medical magazine "Medisch Contact" in a regular column called "Perils of Medical Practice."

The man, then aged 60, consulted the surgeon about serenity under the armpits and asked about his breasts.

He said he had had them for at least 10 years.

The unnamed wife, who was with her husband, then whispered to the doctor that she had been putting estrogen (female hormone) tablets in his coffee for 12 years because she wanted less sex than he did.

Her former family doctor later told the surgeon he had prescribed the tablets after she asked for help in cooling her husband's ardour. The article quoted the doctor as telling her, "Put those in his coffee. That will put a stop to it." It did not say if the treatment had been successful.

After the old men—who will rule the USSR?

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet Union is ruled by old men unwilling to relinquish their awesome power and reluctant of younger, eager heirs-apparent.

The conspicuous absence of Premier Alexei Kosygin from last week's Revolution Day parade, and last month's unimpeachable rumour that President Leonid Brezhnev had died, focused attention on the Kremlin gerontocracy and set veteran observers once more to asking: Who will lead the Soviet Union in the last years of the 20th century?

No one claims to have the answer, least of all the members of the Communist Party's reigning circle, the Politburo.

Normally consisting of 15 members, death and indecision have caused the number to dwindle to 13, with no indication new members will be named soon.

For admitting another man — there has been only one woman member — to the most elite club in Russia means redividing power, loyalties, cabals and, possibly, changing the face and future of Communism.

Such decisions therefore are made cautiously, and never fail to attract world attention.

But eventually, time will force the hand of the kingmakers. With one exception, all the Politburo members

are in their 60s and 70s. Their average age is 68, the oldest mean in memory.

Until 1977, the logical successor to Brezhnev in the top job of Communist Party first secretary was Andrei Kirilenko. He is Brezhnev's enforcer by three months, but is thought to be in much better health. Brezhnev suffers from a variety of diseases, including a non-fatal form of leukemia.

But in October 1977, Brezhnev endorsed the election of silver-haired Konstantin Chernenko, a longtime protege of Brezhnev's said days as party leader in Moldavia in the 1950s, as a candidate member of the Politburo.

By November 1978, Chernenko was a full, voting member — a spectacularly quick jump through the ranks that made some Kremlinologists believe Brezhnev was grooming him as a replacement instead of Kirilenko.

Observers took special note of the fact that it was the 68-year-old Chernenko, not Kirilenko, who accompanied Brezhnev to the Vienna signing of the SALT II treaty.

It was also Chernenko who travelled with the Soviet president to Berlin last month and received the order of Karl Marx — the same one given to Brezhnev.

But last week, there was a new twist.

It was Kirilenko who delivered the "report to the nation" speech on the eve of the Revolution Day parade. And during the celebration last

Wednesday Kirilenko stood only one spot away from Brezhnev atop Lenin's tomb, next to revered party ideologist Mikhail Suslov, who was positioned where the absent Kosygin should have been.

Chernenko, however, was at the very end of the line of waving Politburo members and was seen barely at all by the nationwide television audience.

Such canny manoeuvring of would-be heirs could well be a ploy by Brezhnev and Kosygin to keep their underlings from amassing too much power until they decide to relinquish their positions.

Brezhnev surely has not forgotten how he came to power 15 years ago — ousting his mentor and benefactor, Nikita Khrushchev, from leadership of the party and installing the mathematical Kosygin as premier, Khrushchev's other position.

It is likely that this same fear of overthrow prevents other potential heirs from receiving too much limelight.

America's top Kremlinologist, Marshall Schulman, suggested last week that a collective leadership would succeed Brezhnev, with the strongest member, perhaps an outside "dark horse," eventually taking control of the party and governmental apparatus.

There are several possibilities:

- Yuri Andropov, 65, is considered the most intelligent, suave and sophisticated Politburo member; but his job as chief of the dreaded KGB secret police has probably excluded him as a candidate.
- Vladimir Shcherbitsky, at 61, could live long enough to see the nation through the 20th century; but his experience is confined to the Ukraine, where he runs the party.
- The only Politburo member under 50 is Grigory Romanov. But his "youth" may hinder the 87-year-old Leningrad party chief. Asked to speculate on possible Soviet leaders after Brezhnev and Kosygin, one Western diplomat well tuned in to Politburo thinking said, "Romanov? Why he's just a kid."

El Salvador leftists will keep fighting

SAN SALVADOR (UPI). — A powerful leftist group has vowed to fight El Salvador's ruling junta with a series of labour strikes and "popular mobilizations."

The threat, made on Friday by the 10,000-member Popular United Action Front (FAFU), came four days after the largest rival leftist group, the Popular Revolutionary Bloc, signed a truce-like agreement with the 28-day-old junta.

"We will continue the fight with strikes and popular mobilizations," Front leader Jose Ramos told a crowd of 3,000 gathered at the National University.

The moderate civilian-military junta took power in a bloodless coup on October 15 against the repressive regime of President Carlos Humberto Romero.

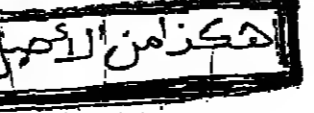
Ramos also attacked the Roman Catholic Church as an "accomplice of the junta," apparently referring to Archbishop Oscar Romero, who earlier on Friday said his life had been threatened by leftists.

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SOUTH KOREA AFTER PARK

By GWYNNE DYER / London



Park Chung-hee

THE SHOOTING of South Korea's President Park Chung-hee has opened up a period of uncertainty at a very delicate time...

Russia and China are flirting with reconciliation in the Moscow talks, yet also preparing for another proxy military confrontation in Vietnam...

This vital strategic position explains why the Soviet Union and the U.S. set up rival regimes in their respective zones of influence after Korea was liberated from Japan in 1945...

reason for seizing any opportunity that may present itself: it could be his last chance for a military victory. South Korea's economic miracle is rapidly opening a gap between the two halves of the country...

SO WHAT are the prospects of South Korea descending into chaos to the coming weeks? Much greater than they would have been if President Park had died at any other time...

Nevertheless, now that the strong man who has ruled South Korea for the past 18 years is gone, the opposition will push as hard as they can to break the existing system before its managers recover their balance.

And since August 11, when hundreds of Park's riot police stormed the opposition party's headquarters in Seoul to break up a protest meeting by women textile workers...

BOAT PEOPLE FACE U.S. BACKLASH

By WILLIAM SCOBIE Los Angeles

CALIFORNIA has become the promised land for Vietnam's boat people. Already 120,000 Indo-Chinese refugees have settled there...

carry infants strapped to their backs. Arguments break out. A babble of Vietnamese rises from the hundreds who stand, lean, sleep and squat in every corner, from dawn to dusk.

THE ORIGINAL plan was to deport the newcomers in major cities around the country, but there was nothing to prevent them from moving to California. And they did, finding the climate more congenial and job opportunities greater...

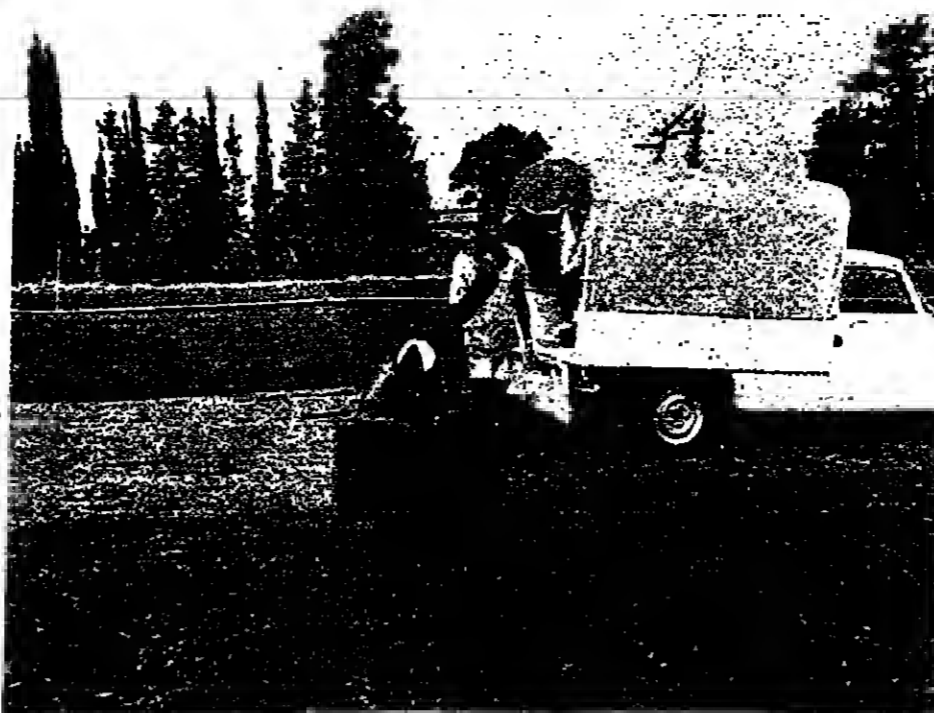
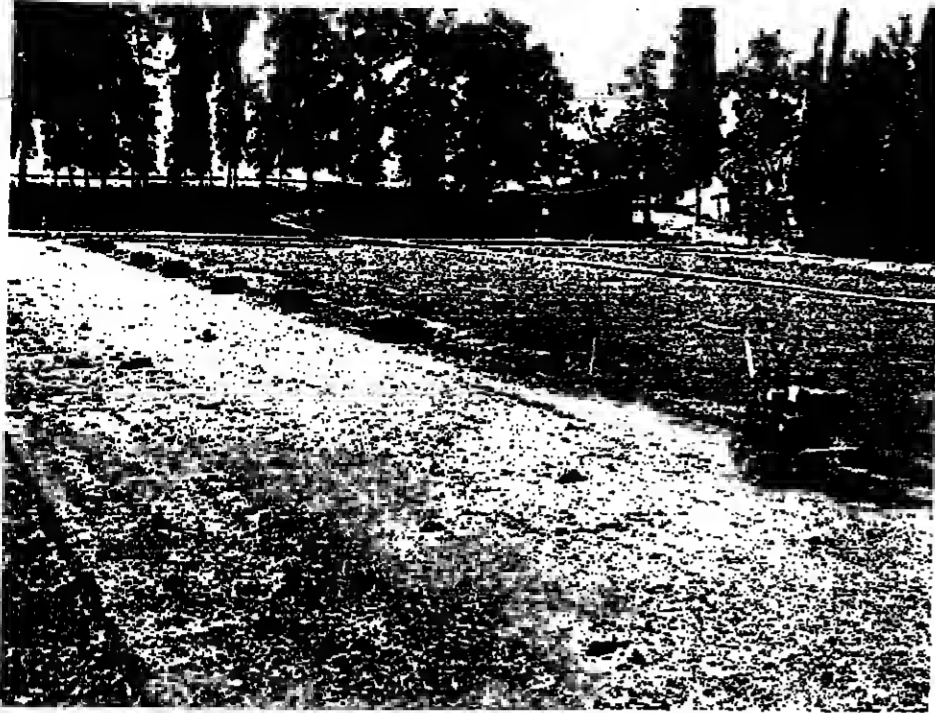
The 1975-76 wave of refugees consisted mainly of business people and professionals who were accustomed to American ways. This year's arrivals have included thousands of illiterate villagers...

tentative plan to cut Indo-Chinese immigration by 80 per cent. Competition for jobs, and for welfare funds, has caused a backlash against the refugees, especially among the Mexican-American community.

government asked us to kill a few years ago?" asks one irate veteran. "Our economic troubles could turn what is now a local antipathy towards the refugees into a national effort to curb their numbers..."

migration to its highest level since the early years of the century. The Mexican and Asian newcomers tend to have large families. "That means population growth..."

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SIMHA DINITZ had a problem some time ago: he was to play host to Elizabeth Taylor in his home and he needed urgently a lawn. Telling some friends the problem, one of them proposed that he call up the Nursery at Givat Brenner, where they might solve his problem. One telephone call solved his problem, and his house had a beautiful green lawn for Elizabeth Taylor.

Instant grass

After fast food, fast gardening is the new concept. Yitzhak Oked visit Givat Brenner's nursery, where greenery is a growing industry.

This is one of the items in the Hieb-Gan Instant Gardening concept, a new venture by one of the country's veteran nurseries.

It was started 50 years ago as an agricultural branch, selling its produce through Tnuva. Today, this nursery has such a good reputation that it sells all its products on its own.

About 50 per cent of its output goes to the professional bodies, such as plant shops, professional gardeners and institutions, and the other 50 per cent to private persons.

Ruthy Agmon, the nursery's manager told *The Jerusalem Post* that the instant gardening concept is intended for the busy person who wants a garden but doesn't have time to do the gardening.

For instance, someone wanting a lawn comes to the nursery and can choose today from three types of lawns: Bermuda type called Santa Anna, or what the Israelis wrongly call buffalo grass, the St. Augustine, and a new type soon going on sale, Zoysia.

Buying instant lawn is rather like buying a rug: you first choose the kind you want. It is then cut for you, either in squares or in long strips which are rolled up like carpet. You take it home, lay it down where you want the lawn to be, give it a good watering, and there you have a green lawn. The price at the time of writing, was IL35 per square metre.

The Santa Anna type of grass comes originally from California, is smog resistant, and can be trampled on, cars can even ride on it. The nursery plans to sell it to sports stadiums too. Its main weakness is that it does not grow in the shade.

The St. Augustine grass is suitable for shady places, and is available also in a dwarf version, which means the owner has to mow it less.

The Zoysia type is being developed now. Its advantage is that it grows very slowly. Because of this, (N.B., all you lazy gar-

deners), it needs to be mowed only once every five years! But because it takes much longer to grow and prepare for the customer, its price will be at least 50 per cent higher than other instant grasses.

Also in the development stage are a number of wild Israeli plants and flowers, which they are trying to turn into household plants. Ruthy Agmon fears that the nursery will have a hard time persuading Israelis to switch to these plants, because the average Israeli plantlover today is what she terms "European orientated," in his tastes.

She has been working in the horticultural field for 10 years, and claims that there has been a mini revolution during that time as more and more Israelis have begun taking an interest in flowers and plants.

Ruthy says that the city plant growers are always looking for tall trees or plants so that they won't have to see their neighbours. Those that live in penthouses are looking for strong plants that can withstand heavy winds, freezing weather, and broiling sun.

The moshavniks usually buy in greater quantities, and unlike city dwellers, they do not like very tall plants — they are more sociable and like to see their neighbours.

The kibbutzniks have a much easier life — the majority of them have a kibbutz gardener who helps them to plan the landscape next to the house, but recently more and more kibbutzniks have become interested in gardening.

The Arab sector has also started showing an interest. They like their flowers and plants to be of striking colours and with strong smells. Jasmine is very popular with them. They favour fruit trees over ornamental trees, that do not give fruit.

In general, her clients come to the nursery knowing exactly what they want, probably because they have seen something they want at a friend's or a neighbour's house. The nursery gives all its clients information on how to replant the plants they buy, and what treatment to give. They are also preparing written instructions in Hebrew for each type of plant.

Rates are fixed according to the nursery association, and because of this their prices are relatively higher than the smaller nurseries that are not members.



Green Thumbs

By Diana Lerner.

THEIR garden nursery in B'nai Zion near Ramatana tells the story of two elderly people, green thumbs on each hand, who in their old age had the daring to start a business out of a hobby — and are making a go of it. The couple, Asher and Dagmar Hand, opened their enterprise two years ago when Asher, an agronomist, was retired from the Ministry of Agriculture. A semi-invalid, he had been working in soil facility there since a disabling accident forced him out of private practice.

Today, his wide range of house plants and trees spread out in a corner of his 26-dunam orchard attracts regular customers, who often come just to wander around as if in a botanical garden, and constantly discover new treasures there. Organically grown as close to nature as possible, their plants can easily be cared for at home, Dagmar told me.

"It started more out of boredom than anything else," Asher maintained, but as Dagmar put it: "Our plants smile at us because we love them."



Photos: Millman

Dig for Victory

Put a spade into your kid's hand, urges Judy Carr.

PARENTS complain that their kids are out on the streets getting into various forms of mischief... but surely any kid would agree that there are pleasanter things to do than hang around milk bars, kiosks, and the various paraphernalia of the High St. One pleasanter form of spending the time is gardening.

As a child, I early developed the technique of reducing those around me to nervous wrecks while remaining perfectly cool myself. Wise adults, in whose charge I was placed for my family's good, put me out to gardening. They gave me a plot about a metre and a half square, to sow with radishes, a strawberry plant, and a group of bluebells. When one strawberry grew I triumphantly ate it along with sugar and the top of the milk.

Gardening is the perfect way of spending time for any child. Liberty to get dirty just adds to the fun. Results can be seen soon — and can often be eaten. Gardening is never boring.

Why are there not more Hebrew books on gardening for children, showing simple techniques and tools? Why do not parks and pleasure grounds include gardening corners, where the kids can have lit-

tle plots and come and grub in them regularly, something like the British allotments where families grow vegetables and let off steam in their leisure hours? If someone thought to ask the kids, they would probably prefer growing something green to swinging away in a luma park or listening to ear-busting entertainment.

Kibbutz and farm children have these delights ready to hand. Children in towns have nothing but the gardens of apartment blocks. Those in the concrete jungles of the slums grow up scarcely knowing how a plant germinates or that fruit comes off a tree. It is surprising how little our city children know of natural life.

"It might be an idea to learn about the birds and the bees" from the creatures themselves, not from text books. Call a spade a spade — and put that spade in your kid's hand and let him dig away his complexes and deprivations.

Not that I am certain that gardening will automatically rid us of delinquency, drug addiction and prostitution... but Israel's leaders have not yet thought up a better cure. Until they do, as the British used to say — "Dig for Victory!"

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Hortidecor

Greer Fay Cashman learns about indoor gardening. Photos: Dan Landau.



YOU MAY not find hortidecor in your dictionary, but you will find it in your environment. It's growing rapidly all around you, but it's one of those things of which you remain unaware unless you confront it head on. Hortidecor is a specialized profession which is just coming into its own in Israel. In case you haven't guessed, hortidecor is the art of planned indoor gardening. (Hortus is Latin for garden).

There was a time when people with enough money to pay for the privilege, used to call in an interior decorator to reflect their personalities in their homes. These days, the interior decorator takes care of the furniture and furnishings, but the choice and arrangement of plants is left to the hortidecorator. Some people who've been tending their own begonias, cacti, boxwood and other house plants for years, may sneer at the thought of calling in a specialist, but there are plenty of others who've begun to realize that they can't explore the aesthetic potential of indoor plant life alone. Many have only recently been bitten by the plant bug.

Among the specialists who help them to develop a feeling for indoor plants is a laughing-eyed, blonde Jerusalemite by the name of Yael Komhor. A former nurse who turned a hobby into a profession, Yael has been enamored with plants since she was a small child. That love flourished a little more each year when Yael's parents used to pack her off to relatives in Haifa during school vacations. "Like all good yakkas," Yael recalled, "they had a pot plant in every corner. I was fascinated by the different blooms, and I was so eager to learn everything that I could about them, that I devoured all the plant literature I could find in Hebrew, English and German."

When she was working as a nurse, she brought her plants with her, and tended them as lovingly as she tended her patients.

On a visit to New Orleans two years ago, Yael discovered plant decor. "What I saw in public buildings and private homes was just unbelievable," she says. "There were so many beautiful and exotic plants displayed in so many attractive ways, that I knew that I couldn't leave New Orleans until I had grasped the concept and could bring it back to Israel."

She apprenticed herself to a New Orleans horticultural establishment. "In New Orleans, you can't get a licence to operate that kind of venture, unless you can prove that you really know what you're doing. For me, it was the best education possible."

Back home, without any plans to



make professional use of her talents, she was talking one day to Jerusalem jeweller Michael Ende who told her that if she had a creative gift, she shouldn't waste it. Still unsure of herself, Yael was hesitant. Then Ende asked her to rearrange his show-cases at the King David Hotel, and shortly afterwards, when he opened a restaurant across the road from the hotel, he asked Yael to take charge of the plant decor. Encouraged, Yael accepted a commission from a travel agency. Then the hotel industry discovered her — the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv, the Moriah hotels in Jerusalem and the Dead Sea, and the Capital's Plaza and Kings hotels. It didn't take long before apartment and villa dwellers also began asking her help.

She doesn't run her business in the conventional sense of the word. "I'd wanted to simply sell pot plants across the counter," she said. "I would have opened a shop. My aim is to persuade people that indoor plants are as integral as furniture."

A visit to her Ba'aka, Jerusalem home illustrates the point. Yael receives guests in the attractive glassed-in portico beyond the arbour of her outdoor garden. Most of the wall-space and some of the ceiling are taken up by exotic tropical plants. The effect is soothing, attractive and uncommercial. There is nothing to suggest that any of these items are for sale.

Yael pours coffee and allows the visitor to relax amid the tropicana. "I can usually tell when a person comes to see me what sort of plant he or she likes," she claims. "I try to imagine what sort of houses they live in, and when I eventually get there, I find that there isn't too much of a gap between my imagination and reality."

From a general viewpoint, men prefer tree plants, while women go in for creeping, small-leaved clusters.

People buying plants for the first time worry about how much effort is involved in maintaining them. Different plants have different needs, just like people. Yael believes in people-plant communication. When potential clients start talking about what a burden it must be to look after so many species, Yael worries about "how the plants must be feeling." She asserts that if one has enough time to eat or to watch television, one has enough time to care for a plant as well.

Her son Eilon, 7½, has become so attached to several plants "that he spoils business for me." A client who expresses interest in one of Eilon's favourites, is firmly told by the little boy, "you can't have that one, it belongs to the house."

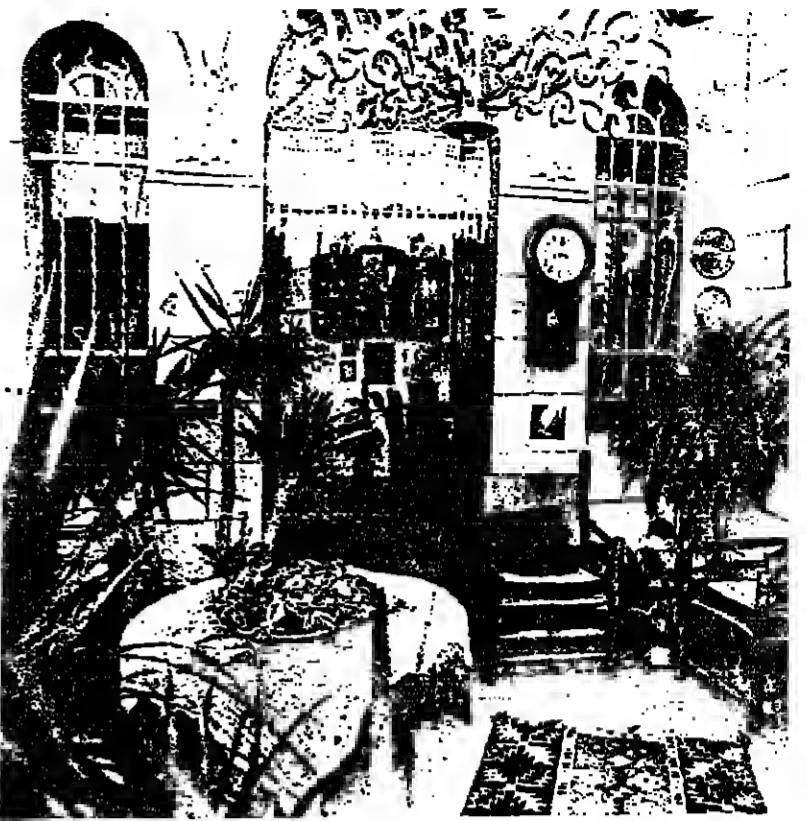
Yael buys plants from Holland, the garden house of the world. She travels to Holland two or three times a year to acquaint herself with a wider variety of plants and to learn more about their care.

All the plants which she buys abroad arrive in Israel in peak condition, but after a short period in people's homes, they start to develop yellow spots on the leaves. "That's no cause for concern," Yael assures distraught clients. "The plant is merely in shock aggravated by the change of water. In Holland, it has been nourished by purified water. In Israel, there is such a high mineral content in the water, that it takes the plant several weeks to acclimatise."

Yael visits all the plants after installing them in the new home. "I want to make sure that they're being properly treated," she told me. "Israelis tend to put all plants as close to the sun as possible. Direct sun is not good for plants, and there are certain plants which suffer badly when exposed to sunlight. It's also important to keep plants within their own families."

Yael deplored the fact that so many florists sell mixed tubs of cuttings of plants which have no relationship to each other. "The combined arrangement might look lovely in the shop," she contended, "but if you've got four or five varieties, one of which needs a lot of water, one of which needs minimum moisture, one of which thrives in the sun and one of which must be kept out of the sun, at least two of the plants will die very quickly."

Yael's dream is to open a nursery with a coffee-house on the premises. "To really appreciate plants," she explained, "people have to be aware of their scope. I want to decorate the coffee shop with fully grown plants, so that anyone who doesn't know very much about them can have an indication of what to expect when they buy a plantlet."



THERE ARE people who talk to plants, and believe plants have thoughts and feelings of their own. Others would rather let them grow as Mother Nature intended them to, with a little water and lots of light and leave talking to people, they say.

At the Kacholi Plant Nursery in Yokne'am, a development town about 15 km. from Haifa, the recipe includes both. Scores of thousands of plants and shrubs of all possible shapes and colours are kept in the huge greenhouses under computer-controlled heat, light and humidity. Little happens outside that affects them inside. But Ze'ev Kacholi knows them all, and he can tell when a particular plant blossoms and when it breeds, where it came from and what kind of customer will probably buy it. He is also the only one who knows how many drops of water are needed to keep each and every one of his plants alive.

"After a lifetime with plants, I still don't know if they can think. But I can tell of very strange things that have happened. Countless times people have bought from here the most gorgeous plants, in full blossom, and were back two or three weeks later looking very sorry. 'Zevi,' they tell me, 'my plant seems as though it has lost its will to live.' I take it back for

Greenhouses in the North

Mary Hirschfield goes plant-hunting in Yokne'am.

a period of 'recovery' — usually 15 days — and then return it to the owner, who can barely recognize his plant, by then fully restored to its original splendour."

What happened? Ze'ev maintains he still has not the faintest idea. In many cases, he said, owners confess to having left the plants in a corner, barely setting eyes on them again. Watering and care are usually left to the children and maid who have little — if any — knowledge of how, when and where to do it. At the Kacholi nursery, that does not happen, he added. Each and every plant gets personal, undivided attention at least once a day. "My brother and I work from dawn to dusk to keep it like that, but it's worth every moment."

"House plants are the big fashion now," Kacholi went on, "and there are nurseries and plant shops all over the place. People buy plants in quantities, not one or two any more,

and they want to learn more about it. The reason, I believe, is that living in larger housing complexes, they lose contact with greenery and they miss it."

Furthermore, plants are a cheap way to fill a room (instead of conventional furniture) and they last longer than flowers now becoming increasingly expensive. "Plant care is a wonderful occupational therapy. We know a number of bereaved families who got back their interest in living things through plant care; of others cured after people started taking an active interest in plants; of brain-damaged children who started smiling after they were taught the basics of plant care. It is the most relaxing hobby of them all."

Ze'ev Kacholi's almost unwrinkled face, healthy tan and constant smile help prove his point. He joined the nursery, his brother Yosef built during the War of Independence days on the road to Yokne'am. At first they tried their hand with fruit trees and

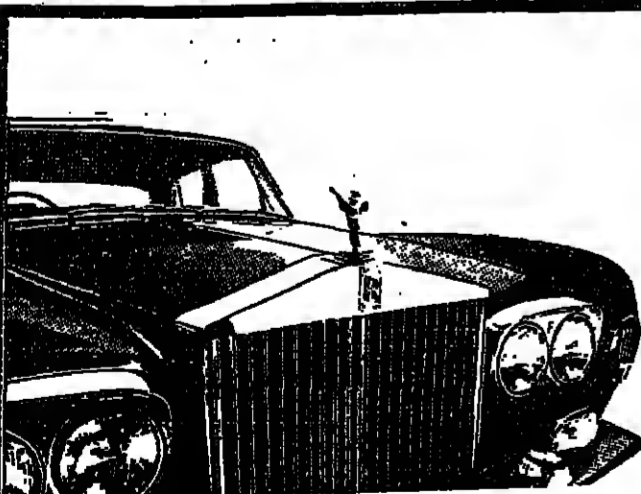
flower growing, but that proved too difficult.

"People thought that the soil near Yokne'am was the best for farming, because it is dark and heavy. In fact, the earth has proved too heavy, and the climate too humid as it rains too much here. It is difficult to grow anything which requires controlled atmosphere conditions. So we turned to house plants."

The Kacholi Nursery is the largest in the North and among the best known in the country. Its five greenhouses spread over five dunams. On Saturdays, people sometimes have to wait for three or four hours for their turn to enter the greenhouses and choose their plants. "Instead of having a showroom as everybody else, I made alleys all along the houses, to let the people walk in and see for themselves how we keep the plants," Kacholi explained.

They also provide shoppers with a leaflet of instructions on plant care: "People want to know more. They ask a lot of questions and usually listen attentively. If you want your house plants to look like showroom samples, you have to put in a lot of work."

Today is edited by Joanna Yehiel.



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TA Mac upset: Netanya leads race

By PAUL KOHN Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Shimshon brought off a shock 3-1 away win over champion Tel Aviv Maccabi at Bloomfield Stadium yesterday...

of the season after nine games, beating Tiberias Hapoel 1-0...

Shimshon opened the game against Tel Aviv Maccabi with great tenacity, playing without Avi Yerushalmi...

Petah Tikva Maccabi played keenly and in sporting spirit, making the Be'er Sheva triumph even more resounding.

In Kiryat Haim before 6,000, Netanya Maccabi took the lead after 12 minutes when Henry Lamm best goalkeeper Benny Weinberg directly from a corner kick...



Kfir Sava goalie Avi Sasson successfully punches away a head shot taken from close range by Jerusalem's Eli Mizly. (Rahamim Israeli)

English soccer race tightens as two league leaders lose

LONDON (AP). — Phil Boyer scored two goals yesterday as Southampton hammered European champion Nottingham Forest 4-1 in a major upset in the English Soccer League first division.

League leader Manchester United also lost 2-0 to rival Manchester City, but defending champion Liverpool continued its advance with a 4-1 win over Brighton and Hove Albion to move level with Nottingham in second place.

Mick Ferguson, back in the Coventry team after missing eight games, scored two goals, and his old partner Ian Wallace got the third against Leeds, which slumped to its fifth defeat in six games.

Manchester United gave Derby its first away win of the season by Bristol City. Craig Johnston scored two goals as Middlesbrough won away for the first time since the opening day of the season.

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS

Naughty Connors reaches finals in Hongkong

HONGKONG (UPI). — A bad-tempered Jimmy Connors struggled to beat Briton Buster Mottram yesterday to set up a final against fellow American Pat Dupre in the \$75,000 Hongkong Tennis Classic.

Solomon leads American winners in Sweden

STOCKHOLM (AP). — Harold Solomon wasn't supposed to do so well on the fast indoor surface, but another easy straight set victory on Friday put him in the quarters of a tournament where the serves and volleys are the name of the game.

STANDINGS

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Name, W, D, L, P. Lists standings for National League and Second Division.

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS

Solomon leads American winners in Sweden

McEnroe toyed with Steve Docherty, who has a tremendous first serve but that's about all. The top-seeded McEnroe won 6-1, 6-3 for his first straight set triumph here.

STUTTGART, West Germany (AP).

Defending champion Tracy Austin fought back from set point in the second set to beat veteran Chris Evert in an international tennis tournament yesterday and earn a berth in the final against Martina Navratilova.

EGYPTIAN STAR TAKES ALL TITLES IN BAHRAIN

BAHRAIN (Reuters). — Ismail el-Shafel of Egypt beat Saifed Meer of Pakistan 6-4, 6-4 to win the singles title in an international tennis tournament here on Friday.

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In the other semi-final match, Navratilova had little trouble disposing of Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia 7-5, 6-2.

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The women's bowls team from Jersey, in Britain's Channel Islands, is due here on Tuesday for a fortnight's visit arranged by the Israel Women's Bowls Association.

Japan disinvents Israel from karate tournament

By JACK LEON Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The long-standing invitation to the Israel Karate Federation to take part in this month's second world full-contact karate championships in Tokyo was abruptly withdrawn because of Arab pressure on the Japanese organizing committee.

Yeheskel, Yoram Cohen, Boez Aviram and Mickey Erez, with Johannesburg-born former South African judo champion Hanover as manager-coach.

The IKF, set up in 1972, now has 18,000 affiliated members. It joined the World Union of Karate Organizations three years later.

The IKF has therefore been forced to cancel its plans for a six-man team of black belt fighters to leave next Saturday for the 74-nation meet, federation president Dennis Hanover told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

The Foreign Ministry has been informed of the situation and is making strong protests to the organizing committee through Israel's embassy in the Japanese capital, Hanover reported.

During the past two years or so, the Japanese have refused to invite Israel to major international competitions in soccer, athletics and weightlifting, for what they called "security reasons."

Meanwhile, a Palestinian team last week took part in the Asian handball championships in Tokyo, the first time that the Palestinians have been represented in an official Asian championship event in any sport.

Heavyweight contender scores KO in 3

NEW YORK (AP). — Gerry Cooney pounded Dino Dennis' face into a bloody mess, knocked him down and stopped him in the third round Friday night at Madison Square Garden to earn a world heavyweight title shot.

Soviet outlits former champion strongman

SALONIKA, Greece (Reuters). — Gannadi Bessonov of the Soviet Union defeated reigning champion Rolf Milser of West Germany in the mid-heavyweight (90-kg.) class of the world weightlifting championships here on Friday.

Haifa golfers dominate Caesarea tournament

CAESAREA. — Haifa golfers were well represented among the best rounds in the Alliance Stableford for teams of four event here yesterday.

Par for the course as Egyptian golfers avoid Israelis

ATHENS (Itim). — A last-minute schedule change prevented what would have been the first-ever competition between Israeli and Egyptian athletes here yesterday.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT Licensing Branch

Driving Theory Examinations at Petah Tikva Licensing Office

From November 15, 1979, the following changes will apply at the above office: a. Driving theory examinations will not be held on Fridays. b. Written driving theory examinations in Hebrew will be held every Monday and Wednesday, 4-6 p.m. only.

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THE GATHERING CRISIS

The really tough part of the autonomy talks is yet to come, writes MOSHE SHARON.

THE JERUSALEM POST Editor and Managing Director: Ari Rath... Editor: Erwin Frankel

Humiliating America

NOT LONG before he stepped down as premier last week, taking his entire cabinet with him, Mehdi Bazargan acknowledged in an interview that ultimate power in Iran rested with the Moslem clergy, under the direction of Ayatollah Khomeini.

IN A LECTURE delivered a fortnight ago under the auspices of the Middle East department of the University of Pennsylvania, the Egyptian Ambassador to the U.S. expressed some interesting ideas about the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

Meanwhile, every stage of the so-called "normalization" of relations with Israel is dragged out and made into a major issue. Beyond the pre-planned visits of certain Israelis, whom the Egyptians think they can win over, very few Israelis have been allowed into Egypt, and the passport control authorities at the Egyptian international airports showed no good will towards a small group of Israelis who landed in Egypt without proper visas.

planned to become involved in the details of the settlement of the Palestinian problem and be repeatedly said that this problem including its territorial aspects, should be discussed with the Jordanians and the Palestinians. He does not represent them, he said, and could not speak in their name. But, he added, he wanted to continue leading the Arab world and Mr. Begin should be interested in that, too.

This de facto linkage contains one tremendous advantage for the Egyptians, and it is amazing that the Israeli negotiating team allowed them to have it, or rather offered it to them: The Egyptian advantage stems from the fact that Sinai is to be completely handed over to the Egyptians three years after the ratification of the treaty, whereas the "final status" of Judea and Samaria is to be decided five years after the ratification of the treaty.

Israel in the most trying time in its history in order to create and watch over the autonomous authority. Israel, which is already choking with social, economic, educational and housing problems, will have to suffer further neglect while its leaders focus their attention on the many problems that will arise daily on both the local and international scene in relation to the autonomy.

That Khomeini is a "genius" may well be granted, certainly regarding his capacity to manipulate crowds of rough and primitive men like himself. For several decades these men and women, although they count for rather less than themselves being dragged, kicking and screaming, from the depths of the Middle Ages right into the Modern Age. Now they are striking back, or so they think, at the man who did it to them.

From their side, only a few official and semi-official Egyptians have appeared in this country, mainly to perform specific missions — polite, strict, official. IT IS therefore to be expected that the really tough part of the autonomy talks is yet to come. That is why it now appears as if the Egyptians agree with the Israelis that the issue of the autonomy should not be pushed too rapidly. Both delegations are upset with the U.S. which is trying to press for more "concrete" progress in the talks.

At THE TIME, the prime minister emphatically rejected the idea of a declaration on Palestinian rights that would satisfy the Egyptians — without involving them too closely in the implementation of those rights. The Palestinian question could then have become a separate issue between Israel and Jordan or Israel and the Palestinians, as it should have been.

Instead, the Israeli government insisted on the autonomy plan. It did not take the Egyptians long to understand that this plan provided them with a great opportunity. For, instead of showing only symbolic interest in the Palestinian problem, they were to become chief participants in its solution. Moreover, at Camp David and in the peace treaty, they succeeded in securing out of Israel a recognition of the national rights of the Palestinians, an achievement which they could not have thought possible in Ismailiya.

ALREADY, after 12 years of Israeli rule in the territories, it seems that Israel's political leadership has lost sight of the country's main problems. An immense amount of national energy is invested in devising all kinds of political excuses to keep the territories without actually doing anything for their inhabitants. When the autonomy plan is put into effect, after it undergoes American and Egyptian modifications, the situation will be even worse.

ALREADY, contact between the Israelis and Arabs of the territories have created a deep moral crisis in Israel. A very heavy blow was dealt to the once cherished ideal of Jewish self-labour. The unprecedented dependence on Arab workers today influences the morals of the people and it may well become the Achilles heel of the economy.

POSTSCRIPTS A READER in Jerusalem says the "High Court of Justice's ruling that the term 'Yekke' is not derogatory calls for supplement. 'The Jewish Encyclopedia', published in Berlin in 1930, states on page 633, vol. IV, under the caption 'Eastern and Western Jews: 'Until this day the Jews from the West are being characterized by the Eastern Jews with the expression Yekkes — conveying derogation.

WINDS OF CHANGE To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Philip Gillon's article, "Standards of Judgement" (October 24), seems to overlook the fact that, in the 30 years since he left South Africa, winds of change have swept through many parts of the world. For instance, here in Israel, things have changed very much for the better as far as our economic standard of living is concerned, whilst our moral standards have slid downhill to an unpleasant degree.

CRITICISM OF COURT'S DECISION To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Following the recent decision of the High Court of Justice in the Eilon Moreh case, there has been a development which should cause concern. Political commentators and public personalities have attempted to portray the court's conclusion as sacrosanct. They thereby would seek to stifle any discussion as to the merits of the legal arguments and the interpretation of the law by the five judges.

DON'T RETURN SINAI OILFIELDS To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I read regular reports in your newspaper that the Syrians are getting ready to attack us. I also read repeated statements by Butros Ghali, Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, to the effect that, should Syria be attacked, the Egyptians would come to their rescue, irrespective of the peace treaty with Israel.

MORMON ACTIVITIES To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — As a part-year resident of Israel, I rejoice with all men of goodwill at the million-dollar park that the Mormon Church of the United States dedicated in Jerusalem. Israel is indeed fortunate that so many Christian groups from every part of the world are displaying such friendliness and encouragement to the Holy Land and to its people.

NEW HURVA SYNAGOGUE To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I have read your article on the new Hurva Synagogue (dated October 26). I feel your readers should be informed that Mr. Josef Schenberger will not only be advising on religious affairs, but will also be acting as general consulting architect on the project. SIR DENYS LADWIN London.

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